

## Reporting Plagiarism?

With increasing regularity, we hear about papers and reports which are plagiarized, either in whole or in part. How such claims are handled is at least as significant as the underlying allegations. Take a look at the following article from *Inside Higher Education*.

### [Anonymous Charges Vindicated](#)

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When an anonymous blog last year accused Matthew C. Whitaker of plagiarizing portions of [Peace Be Still: Modern Black America from World War II to Barack Obama](#), he said that he wouldn't respond to charges presented in that way. His publisher, the University of Nebraska Press, backed him.

The anonymous nature of the charges bothered some at Arizona State University, where Whitaker was a full professor and led a research center. But after the university conducted an investigation and found misconduct, Whitaker now says that he agrees that he made significant mistakes in the book.

An anonymous commenter offered the following:

**“stannadel:**

The 2nd round of accusations was anonymous because high ranking members of the administration allegedly threatened to fire even tenured professors if they pursued such charges.?

usmnews.net's editor followed up with the following comment:

To all of you who are offended by an anonymous accusation, observe what happens when a faculty member openly requests a discussion of "copying without proper citation" (University of Southern Mississippi plagiarizer's phrase) and then observe the all out assault on him/her by administrators, acceditors, and involved faculty: "University and AACSB Diversity, Case Research" <http://commons.aahq.org/posts/3d4bfd4201>

Also see, "[Ethics, Power, and Academic Corruption](#)" and "[Virginia Tech Danger](#)" available at Amazon.