Academic Career Mentoring Workshop

“Applying and Interviewing for an Academic Position”

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Application and Interview Timeline (varies by discipline & institution)

- Positions advertised
- Applications due:
  - November 15
  - December 1
  - January 1
  - January 15
- Applications reviewed
- Interviews (informal, formal, follow-up)
- Offers to short-listed candidate(s)

Panel Discussion Questions

• What are key things to do in late stages of one’s PhD program or postdoc appointment to prepare for a career in academia?
• How best to find out about open positions, and what are important things to know about the places you may want to apply to?
• What helps make your application stand out among many others?
• What “homework” and other preparation should you do for the interview (e.g., information about the department and institution, resources you need to start up your research, teaching, etc.)?
• What should you definitely do and definitely not do in interview?
• What “takeaways” should come from the interview—from both the interviewer’s and interviewee’s perspectives (i.e., what should become known by both parties)?
• What general advice is offered for successfully applying and interviewing for a faculty position?
Panelists

• **M. Brian Blake**, Professor of Computer Science & Electrical & Computer Engineering, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Miami

• **Dan Garcia**, Senior Lecturer in the Computer Science Division of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, UC, Berkeley

• **Charles Isbell**, Professor and Senior Associate Dean, College of Computing, Georgia Tech

• **Nayda Santiago**, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Panel Format

• Panelists’ remarks:
  – personal background; path taken to academic career
  – responses to panel discussion questions
  – additional tips

• Open Q&A:
  – questions from the audience

• Wrap-up
Job Search Resources for Placement in Academia

• Links of *national academic search engines*:
  - [http://www.academiccareers.com/](http://www.academiccareers.com/)
  - [http://AcademicJobsOnline.org](http://AcademicJobsOnline.org)
  - [http://jobs.sciencecareers.org/](http://jobs.sciencecareers.org/)

• Some clearinghouses of *postdoc opportunities*:
  - [http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/](http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/)
  - [http://www.hercjobs.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=793](http://www.hercjobs.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=793)
  - [http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Postdocs_portal.asp](http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Postdocs_portal.asp)
  - [http://minoritypostdoc.org/](http://minoritypostdoc.org/)
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