

Professional development seminar

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The goal of this 2-credit seminar is to get ready for the academic job market. This means preparing all application materials, including CV, cover letter, dissertation abstract, writing sample, research statement, teaching portfolio, and diversity statement; creating a professional website; and practicing interview skills.

Each week, each student will distribute one part of the dossier to the group for feedback during class.

*Tentative* class schedule:

Jan 25 Intro; general job market discussion

Feb 1 No class – working on materials

Feb 8 CVs

Feb 15 Guest speakers: Kirsten Egerstrom and Dave Bzdak (community college professors)

Feb 22 Teaching portfolios I: teaching statements

Mar 1 Guest speakers: Russ Colton and Larry James (grad school to private sector)

Mar 8 Teaching portfolios II: evaluations and syllabi

Mar 15 No class - spring break

Mar 22 Diversity statements

Mar 29 Cover letters

Apr 5 Websites

Apr 12 Dissertation abstracts

Apr 19 Research statements

Apr 26 Mock interviews/catching up

May 3 Mock interviews/catching up