College Professor

What my friends think I do
What my students think I do
What my colleagues think I do
What my parents think I do
What I think I do
What I actually do
Plan

• Getting a professorship
• Life as an Assistant Professor
• Life as an Associate Professor
• Life as a Full Professor
Assistant professor life: Getting the job

• Identifying possible positions
  – Geographic and disciplinary constraints?
  – Institutional constraints? Public vs. private, elite vs. non, Research-1 vs. liberal arts

• Applying

• Interviewing

• Negotiating

• Pitfalls and mistakes
Assistant professor life: What is the job?

- Setting up a lab
- Teaching
- Service (including advising ugrads)
  - Dept, university, community (local), scientific community (societies and journals)
- Mentoring
- Preparing for promotion
- Pitfalls
Promoted?

• No?
  – Back to the job market…
  – …or Plan B
Associate Professor life

- Teaching
- Service
- Mentoring
- Research
- Preparing for promotion
- Pitfalls
Full Professor life

- Teaching
- Service
- Mentoring
- Research
- Pitfalls