

## **Career Skills for Scientists – Lunchtime discussions**

List of Topics: (Developed June 18, 2008)

### Types of careers available

- Job descriptions and typical daily activities
- What do people like best/least about their career
- Self-assessment – How to choose a career
  
- Research in academia / government / industry
- Types of teaching positions and new teaching strategies

### Developing soft-skills

- Communication skills
- Teamwork skills, leadership
- Presentation / writing skills
- Networking, interactions at conferences
- Getting teaching experience

### Job searching

- Finding job openings, Career fairs
- Developing a network
- Cover letter and Resume – How to lay it out and what should be on it
- Interview questions – mock interview experience
- How to sell yourself and your skills
- Developing a faculty application package and CV

### Grad school experience & expectations

### Postdoc experience & expectations