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