

Navigating the Job Market

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2+ Years Out

- Finish coursework and all teaching requirements
- Develop dissertation project, conduct research
- Apply for external grants
- Join and/or develop additional projects

1-2 Years Out

- Wrap up fieldwork so you can focus on writing
- Finalize advisor and dissertation committee – then **meet with them regularly**
- Seek out colleagues, peers, friends for writing groups + less formal feedback
- Apply for conferences + workshops for the year before the market
- Submit articles for publication

1 Year Out

- Write dissertation
- Meet with advisor + dissertation committee regularly
- Present your dissertation regularly at conferences + workshops
- Submit articles for publication

On the Market

- Summer: finish applications
- Early fall: most job applications and some post-doc applications due
 - Most posted on APSA E-Jobs
- Fall: plan to attend and/or present at major conferences (APSA, MESA, ISA)
- Fall-winter: interviews and job talks, most post-doc applications due

On the Market

Application Materials

- Cover Letter
- Teaching Statement + Evaluations
- Diversity Statement
- Research Statement
- Writing Sample
- 3 letters of recommendation

On the Market

Job Talk (35 minutes total)

- Introduction + Motivation (5 minutes)
- Theory (10 minutes)
- Empirics (15 minutes)
- Conclusion (5 minutes)

On the Market

Campus Visit

- 1-3 days
- Lots of one-on-one meetings and at least one dinner
- Job talk
- Teaching demonstration

On the Market

Some parting advice

- Don't partially go on the market
- Assume you will get very little work done
- Stay off rumor boards
- Think of all the possibilities, and what you want to do with your PhD