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Title: 2015 PIMS-Math Job Forum for Postdoctoral Fellows and Graduate Students

Event Type: Other

Location:

SCARFE 207

Dates:

23 October 2015

Topic:

Finding employment with a postgraduate degree in Mathematics

Methodology:

Philip Loewen began the forum by giving a 20 minute presentation on strategies to securing employment in a research intensive academic institution followed by a 10 minute response from Rachel Kuske providing further insights on opportunities with an additional focus on employment in applied mathematics. This was followed by a 20 minute presentation by Kathryn Nyman on how to best find employment at an undergraduate liberal arts college, and what such a position entails. Nora Franzova then responded with her perspective on working at a two-year teaching college. Finally Richard Liang spoke for 20 minutes on a career in biostatistics and how to obtain such a position. This was followed by a question and answer period that addressed questions such as "How tailored should you make you cover letter?" and "How valuable is experience from outside Canada?". The forum was moderated by Steph van Willigenburg, lasted 90 minutes and provided a light lunch for participants.

Objectives Achieved:

Provided explicit tactics for how to successfully attain a variety of careers to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in Mathematics.

Organizers:

van Willigenburg, Stephanie, Mathematics, UBC

Crane, Samantha, Mathematics, UBC

Speakers:

Nora Franzova (Chair of Mathematics, Langara)

Rachel Kuske (Professor, UBC Mathematics Department)

Richard Liang (Research Associate, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/ AIDS)

Philip Loewen (Professor and Head, UBC Mathematics Department)

Kathryn Nyman (Associate Professor, Willamette University)

Links:
