

I'm pulling these two lists of resources out from the archives:) I sent them to the listserve about two years ago, but for those of you who attended Wakonse last summer for the first time, there may be some interesting new information for you. I hope all is going well.

If, like me, you are in the later stages of your PhD career (I know that some of you are already past this point, but the information never hurts), you may find the following resources useful. One is free online, and the other two are books I've found very helpful in the last couple years.

1. The first resource is for anyone at any point in their career (although the site typically headlines articles on getting tenure, balancing stress, and writing a dissertation). Mary McKinney got her PhD at CUNY in counseling psychology, and is now an adjunct assistant professor at UNC Chapel Hill. Her website is The Successful Academic, at url <http://www.successfulacademic.com/>

2. The second resource is for people specifically at the dissertation stage of their PhD career. It is a book by Rudestam and Newton called "Surviving Your Dissertation". It may even be required reading in your department. It discusses how to come up with a dissertation, using different methods, and finally how to write each chapter of the dissertation and how to organize it. Its about \$25-35 at amazon.com url [http://www.amazon.com/Surviving-Your-Dissertation-Comprehensive-Comprehen/dp/1412916798/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200338647&sr=8-2](http://www.amazon.com/Surviving-Your-Dissertation-Comprehensive-Comprehen/dp/1412916798/ref=pd_bbs_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200338647&sr=8-2)

3. I have personally found this book to be amazing when it comes to searching for jobs. It is by Heiberger and Vick, titled "The Academic Job Search Handbook", found at amazon.com url [http://www.amazon.com/Academic-Job-Search-Handbook-3rd/dp/0812217780/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_sr\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200339132&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Academic-Job-Search-Handbook-3rd/dp/0812217780/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200339132&sr=1-1). It is never too early to get organized (I'll send out a post later on how to organize your academic portfolio:) and get ready for the job market. There are so many different things to consider when applying for jobs (what kind of institution you want to work at, what the requirements are for tenure, what the breakdown is between teaching research and service, etc.). The sooner you get organized and get to know yourself and what will make you happy in a job, the better prepared you are for the actual job application process.

Posting Two:

This list was compiled by James Lang, who teaches English at Assumption College. James is the author of "Life on the Tenure Track". Many of these you are probably familiar with, but some may be new. Here are the top ten resources for Graduate Students (although most if not all of these are focused on teaching at the college level):

1. Ken Bain's "What the Best Teachers Do" (Published by Harvard University Press, 2004).
2. McKeachie, Wilbert, and Marilla Svincki's "McKeachie's Teaching Tips: Strategies, Research, and Theory for College University Teachers, 12th Ed." (Published by Houghton Mifflin, 2006).
3. Gross, Davis, and Barbara's "Tools for Teaching" (Published by Jossey-Bass, 1993).

4. Duffy, Donna Killian, and Janet Wright Jones's "Teaching within the Rhythms of the Semester" (Published by Jossey-Bass, 1995).
5. Parker Palmer's "The Courage to Teach" (Published by Jossey-Bass, 1998).
6. The "Careers" page of the Chronicle of Higher Education website (online at <http://chronicle.com/jobs>). New essays on academic life every week, including a column by James Lang.
7. Tomorrow's Professor listserv (online at <http://sll.stanford.edu/projects/tomprof/newtomprof/index.shtml>). I've already told most of you about this resource, but here it is again.
8. Your University's Program for Excellence in Teaching. At MU, the link is <http://pet.missouri.edu>. Most Universities have such programs, even if they are called something different. These types of programs offer additional resources and support for teaching at the college level.
9. The journal "College Teaching", published by Heldref publications has suggestions and articles on teaching higher education.
10. "The National Teaching and Learning Forum" is available in print and online at <http://www.ntlf.com>.

I hope everyone is doing well as the semester is beginning to get underway. If you have any suggestions for this listserv, or for the future faculty group at Wakonse this coming year, feel free to email me.

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