Navigating the Academic Job Search in Social & Behavioral Sciences

Tuesday, March 29 - Campus Center – Room 162
12:00PM – 1:30 PM (Brown Bag Lunch)

Are you preparing for the academic job search and looking for tips to set you apart from the pack? Join our faculty panel discussion to get the “inside scoop” about the job search process and learn about the factors that influence candidate selection across a variety of institutions. Pre-registration is required: [bit.ly/JobsSBS](http://bit.ly/JobsSBS)

Panelists

Sonya Atalay, PhD
Associate Professor, Anthropology and Commonwealth Honors College, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Dr. Atalay earned her Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of California-Berkeley. Her work is in the area of engaged (public) anthropology, particularly in community-university partnerships and utilizing community-based research methods to conduct research in full partnership with indigenous and local communities. She teaches courses that provide students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience partnering with communities to identify research needs and the core tribal and community values that should be utilized as guiding principles for research.

Jun Ishii, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Amherst College

Professor Ishii received his Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University, specializing in Industrial Organization. At Amherst College, in addition to Industrial Organization, he teaches Introductory Economics, Advanced Microeconomics, and Advanced Econometrics. Prior to joining Amherst College, he was an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of California-Irvine (UCI), where he was active in the instruction and advising of Ph.D. students. He has also served as a visiting scholar at the University of California-Berkeley, Yale University, and UMass Amherst.

Brian Kapitulik, PhD
Professor and Chair, Department of Social Sciences, Greenfield Community College

Professor Kapitulik received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the UMass Amherst. His research focuses on the role of culture, collective identities, and gender ideology in the burgeoning homeschooling movement. At GCC, Brian teaches courses in social problems, education, drugs and society, and introductory sociology. As a member of the American Sociological Association’s Task Force on Community College Faculty, Brian conducted research on the professional status of community college sociology faculty (to be published in a special issue of Teaching Sociology). Brian previously also taught at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, MA.

David Smailes, PhD
Associate Professor of Political Science, Westfield State University

Dr. David Smailes is currently an Associate Professor (and, until recently, Chair) of Political Science and the director of the Masters in Public Administration graduate program at Westfield State University. Prior to Westfield, he was also a faculty member and chair of Political Science at Regis College, a private liberal arts college in Weston, Massachusetts. He has served on six search committees at both institutions, chairing two at Regis and one at Westfield State. Dr. Smailes holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from UMass Amherst and a B.A. in political science from the College of Wooster.