Career Development: After Tenure

ESA Mid-Career Mentoring Panel

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From Associate to Full Professor

PJ Healy
Ohio State University
“Going Up For Full”

● Being an “Internationally-Recognized Scholar”
  ○ World’s expert on something?
  ○ Importance of the top 5? Quality vs Quantity?
● Beyond publications:
  ○ Grants, invited talks, service, advising...
● When to go up
  ○ Like tenure: If you can get it, you already have it
  ○ Costs vs benefits
  ○ The world beyond your Department
How to turn a good academic career into an excellent one?

Title: John List
This version: Guillaume Fréchette
NYU
I want it all, give me some more, give me some more, give me, give me, some more

– Doja Cat
You only get one shot, do not miss your opportunity to blow, This opportunity comes once in a lifetime Yo!

– Eminem
This for anybody going through tough times
Believe me, been there, done that
But every day above ground is a great day, remember that.

– Pitbull
Collaborating with PhD Students and Other Co-authors

Muriel Niederle
Stanford University
PhD Students

- More and more in demand to advise students
- Very rewarding,
  - but also sometimes time consuming
- Organize students to talk among each others
  - Help them to advise themselves
Interdisciplinary Research and Funding

Yan Chen
University of Michigan
Interdisciplinary Research

• Interdisciplinary research is risky, but ...
• Economics and psychology
  – 1990s and early 2000s: Will it be a big wave?
• Economics and computer science
  – Machine learning v. learning in games
  – Human response to AI
  – Natural language processing
Funding

• NSF
  – Econ; DRMS
  – New initiatives: SaTC, Future of Work, etc.
• Foundations
  – Russell Sage; Templeton
• Industry
  – Google Research Scholar Program
  – Facebook: e.g. Misinformation & Polarization
Q&A

• How does the senior job market operate (that's different from the junior market)?

• What is a visiting position and how do I get one?

• What's the difference between Associate and Full life?

• Advice on surviving multiple teaching and service demands