How to Get an Academic Job

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Basic Skills Seminar

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or Other Kind of
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Small specialty meetings,

AMS ‘regional’ meetings,

MAA Section meetings, ⋅⋅⋅
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Different vitas for different job types,

Teaching statement: Real!, Yours!!,

Research statement: tailored to audience, ⋮
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At least one ‘Teaching’ recommender,

Ask committee member to visit class and put in letter,

Who is writer? How well know you? Say good things?,

Not all applications need same letters
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VERY IMPORTANT!!

The 21st Century will be a ‘Stochastic’ Century!!

Prepare Yourself!!
Questions??

Slides posted at:

www.math.purdue.edu/~cowen

Other Link:

www.math.purdue.edu/~cowen/Careers.html