Academic Job Search Panel

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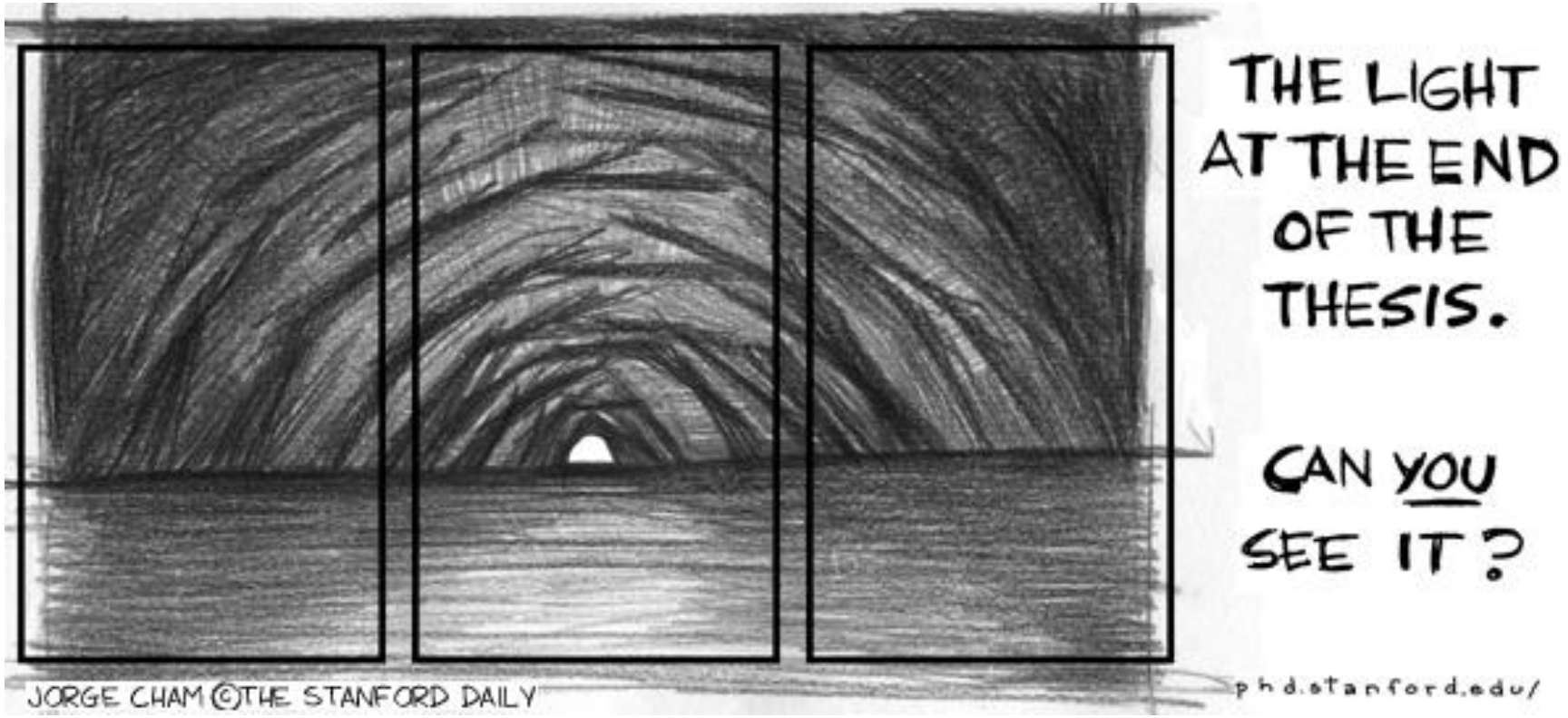
The End.


THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE THESIS.
CAN YOU SEE IT?
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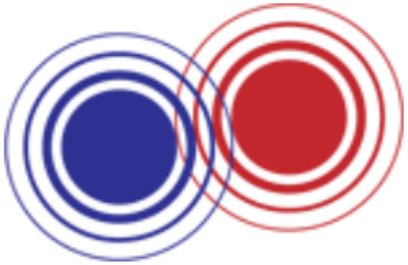
Postdocs are the best!

Across sciences, areas, institutions

Training, research, grant-writing

Contacts, publications, job hunt



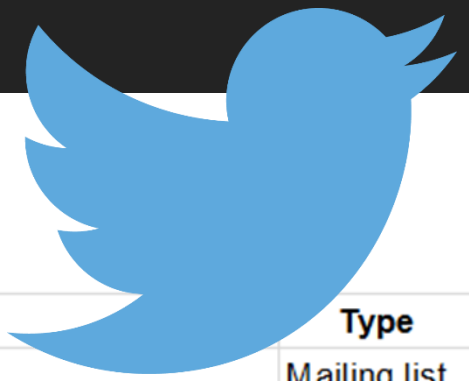
LAZER LAB

POSTDOC 2016

Two postdoctoral positions in computational social science are available with dual appointments at Northeastern and Harvard Universities, to work in the lab of David Lazer. Candidates will be expected to work on a combination of their own research and collaborative projects within the lab. The collaborative projects are wide ranging, including experimental data on groups, large scale, society-spanning communication data, social media data, political contribution data, and large corpora of unstructured political text (visit LazerLab.net to get a sense of the array of projects). Key conceptual foci will range from understanding societal networks, collaboration in groups and organizations, political forecasting/prediction, political communication and collective action. A wide variety of disciplinary backgrounds will be considered (current/past disciplines represented in the lab include computer science, communication, organizational behavior, psychology, physics, design, economics and political science) but facility with handling and analysis of large data sets, a taste for novelty, and an interest in working collaboratively across disciplines a must. Compensation will be competitive.

If you are interested, please send a cover letter, CV, and two letters of reference to: j.briceno@neu.edu and d.lazer@neu.edu by February 15 (sooner is better). Questions should be sent to David Lazer at d.lazer@neu.edu or david_lazer@harvard.edu. Please label e-mails with POSTDOC 2016.

Finding a job



Online at: bit.ly/phd-jobs

Name	Address	Type
AEJMC (Journalism, Media, Communication)	aejmcpr@aol.com	Mailing list
AoIR List (Internet Research)	air-l@listserv.aoir.org	Mailing list
CHI Jobs (Human computer interaction, jobs)	chi-jobs@listserv.acm.org	Mailing list
CITASA (Communication, IT, Media Sociology)	citasa@list.citasa.org	Mailing list
ECREA (European Communication)	ecrea@listserv.vub.ac.be	Mailing list
IAMCR List (Media and Communication)	announcements@iamcr.org	Mailing list
INSNA SOCNET List (Network Analysis)	socnet@lists.ufl.edu	Mailing list
LIBJOBS (Library and Information Science, jobs)	libjobs@infoserv.inist.fr	Mailing list
NCA CRTNET List (Communication)	crtnet@natcom.org	Mailing list
OB AOM (Organizationa Behavior, Management)	ob@aomlists.pace.edu	Mailing list
PolMeth List (Political Methodology)	polmeth@artsci.wustl.edu	Mailing list
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AEJMC (Journalism, Media, Communication) Jobs	academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs	Web
AOM Jobs (Management)	jobs.aom.org	Web
Chronicle Vitae	chroniclevitae.com	Web
H-Net Jobs Guide	www.h-net.org/jobs/job_browse.php	Web
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Selection process

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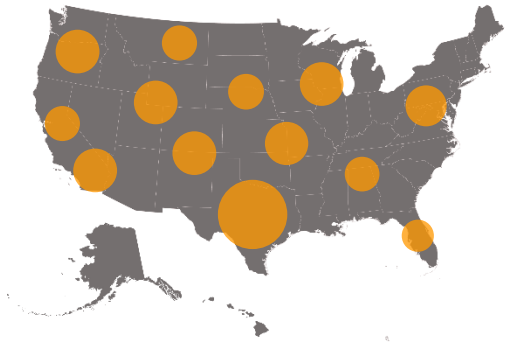
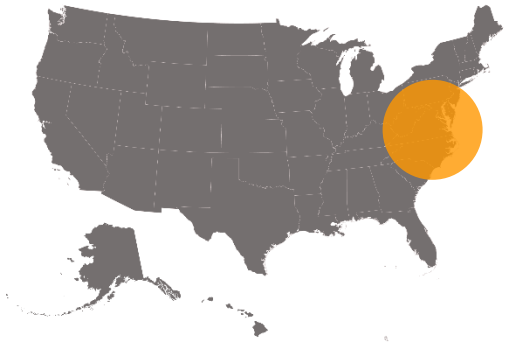
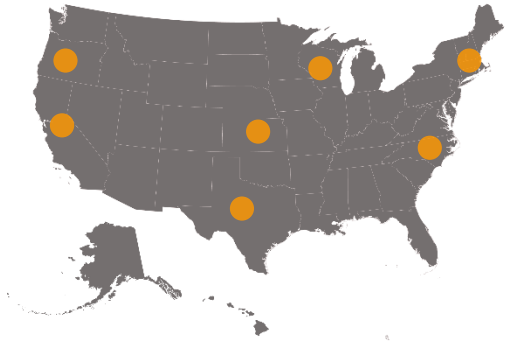
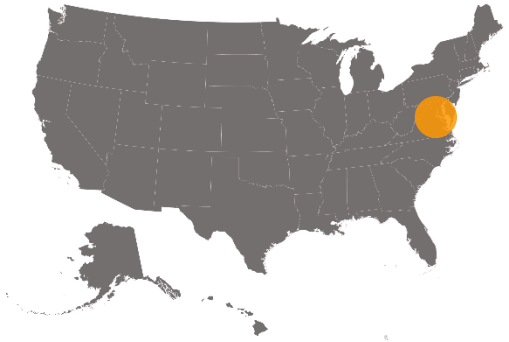
No backup option		
Backup option		

Information gathering

Explore job call: skills, docs, people

Explore department, school, university

References: warn early, warn often

Mobilize social ties for information

Application materials: customized building blocks

CV and personal statement

Teaching statement + sample syllabi

Research statement + writing samples

Don’t forget the Web!

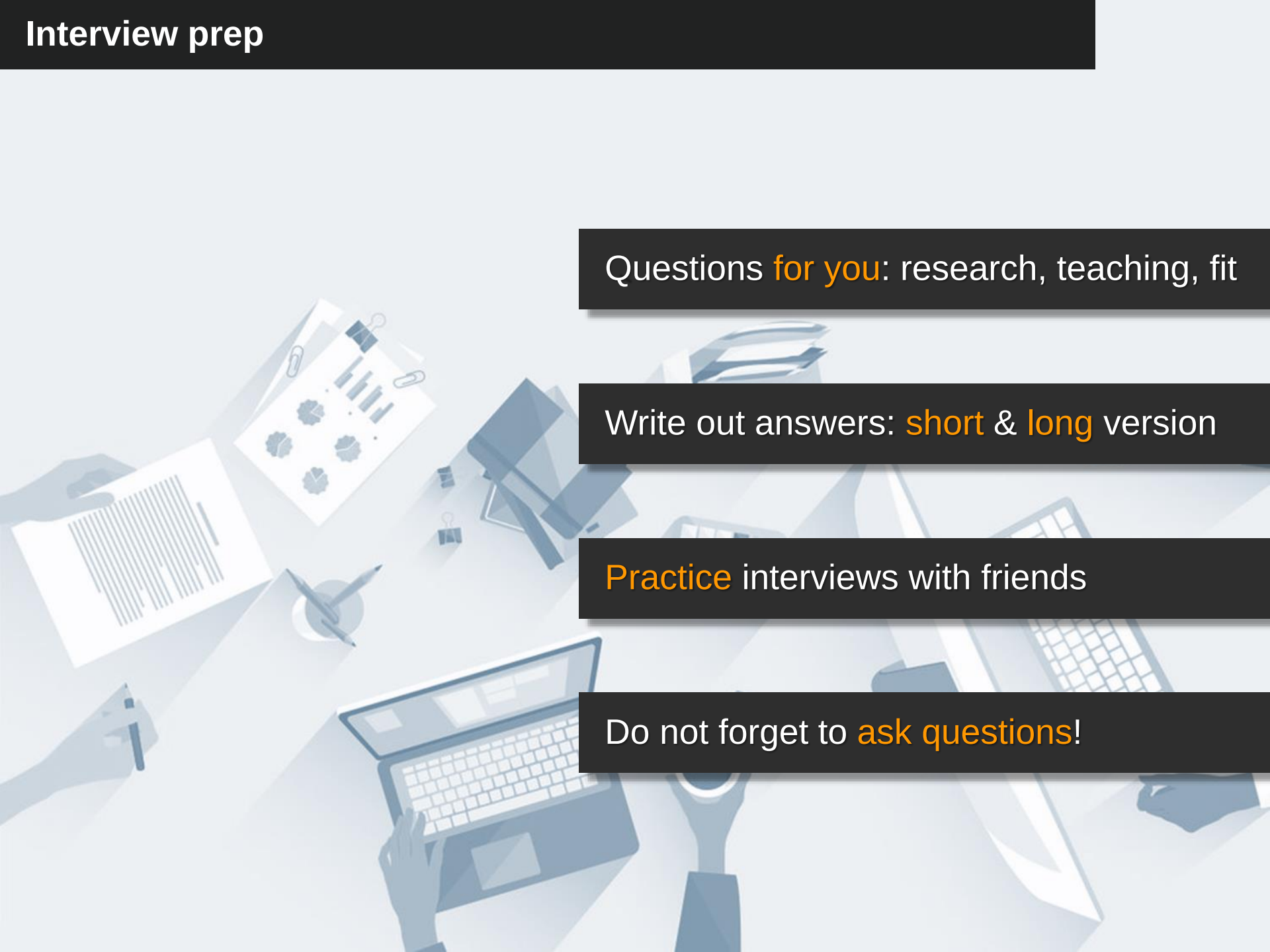
Preliminary interviews

Format: Skype, phone, conference

Committee members and areas

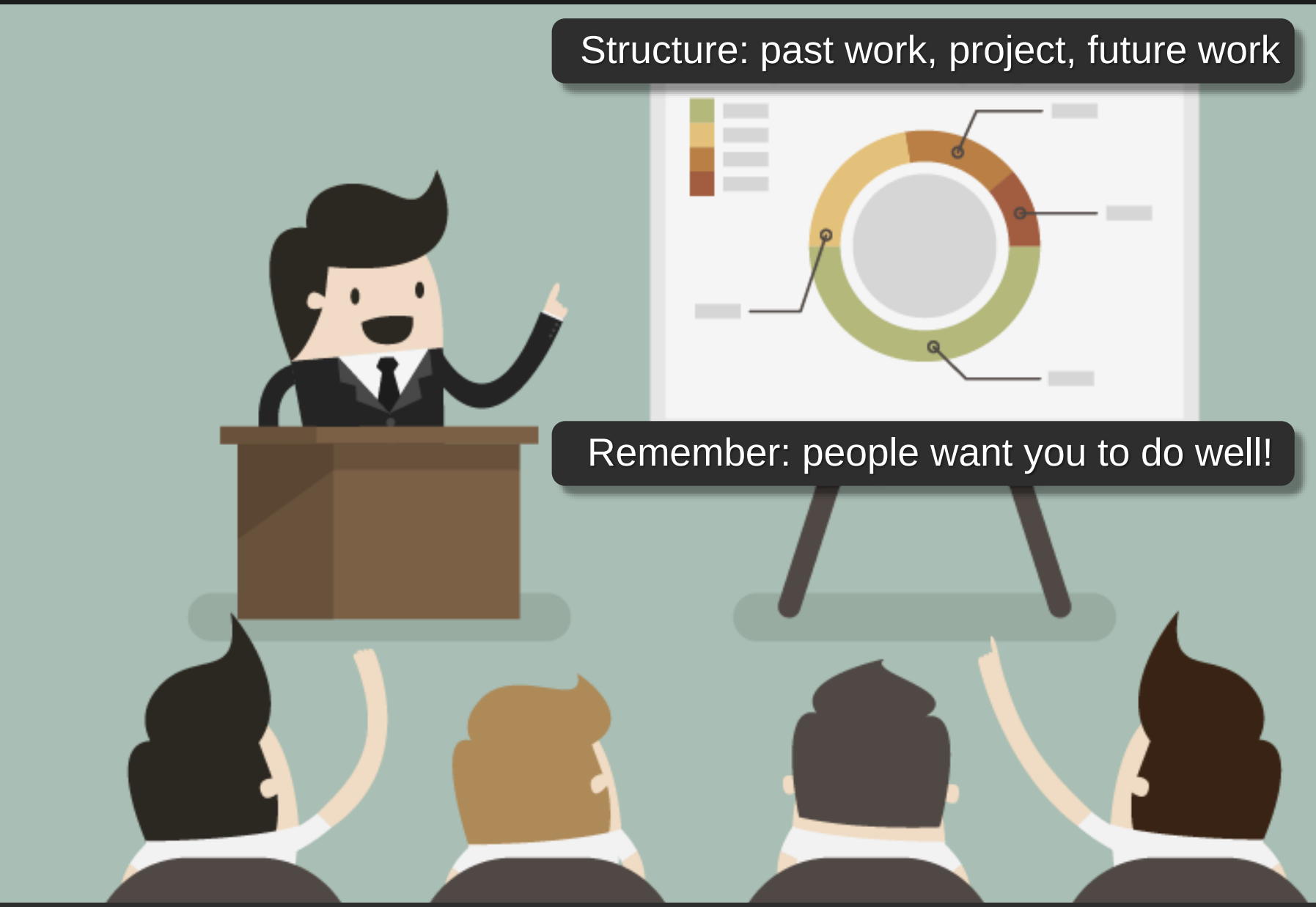
What they want, what you want

Interview prep



- Questions for you: research, teaching, fit
- Write out answers: short & long version
- Practice interviews with friends
- Do not forget to ask questions!

Job Talk



Write down. Practice. Customize. Practice. Get feedback. Practice.

Things you need to do that are awkward

- Nudge esteemed references for letters
- Tell committee about (potential) offers
- Take some time to think over an offer
- Negotiate an offer: timing, duties, pay

Good luck!