

Notes for Job Market Information Meeting

May 6, 2022

1 Am I ready for the academic job market?

- Committee is on board. (Dissertation is far enough along)
- One strong piece of mostly polished work, suitable for a writing sample
- Publication(s)

2 What does the process look like?

- **Now:** Conversations with dissertation committee and placement committee.
- **Through the summer:** Develop and workshop application materials. Support group meetings. Contact your letter writers.
- **Through the fall** (starting in August): Find job ads and identify good fits. Submit applications. Practice interviews. Work on potential job talk.
- **Late fall to early spring:** Practice job talks. Possible interviews. Keep looking for job ads and submitting applications.

3 What will I need for job applications?

- Writing sample
- Recommendation letters
- Cover letter(s)
- Research statement
- Teaching statement
- Diversity statement

- Teaching materials
- Website
- Job talk

4 How will I be supported?

- Job market support group
- Feedback on application materials
- Letter service
- Practice interviews
- Job talk workshops
- Advice and moral support

5 Does anybody get jobs in philosophy anyway?

- Actually, yes! USC 2021–2022:

11 offers to 10 people, 6 of whom did not yet have a TT or permanent position. 7 TT jobs and 4 postdocs, all but one postdoc multi-year. 8 offers have been or will be accepted. 2 new people have moved into the tenure-track; 5 people will have moved into more secure employment than they had before

6 What about non-academic jobs?

The application process generally doesn't have nearly as much structure, and we don't have the same kind of expertise, but the placement committee is still very happy to support you however we can.