How CIRTL Impacted My Career: Alumni Reflections (Spring 2022)

Alumni from CIRTL programs go on to many different kinds of careers. This four-part event series features alumni from different career paths reflecting on their current work, how CIRTL prepared them for their career trajectories, and how their CIRTL experiences helped shape their professional interests and activities. We will give you a chance to submit questions when you register. Join us on:

- **2:00 – 3:00 PM, Wednesday, March 9, 2022:** How CIRTL Impacted My Career: Hearing from Academic and Research Staff
- **2:00 – 3:00 PM, Wednesday, March 16, 2022:** How CIRTL Impacted My Career: Hearing from Teaching Faculty
- **2:00 – 3:00 PM, Wednesday, March 23, 2022:** How CIRTL Impacted My Career: Experiences in Academia from Underrepresented Groups in STEM
- **2:00 – 3:00 PM, Wednesday, March 30, 2022:** How CIRTL Impacted My Career: Hearing about Positions beyond Academia

Check [https://www.cirtl.net/](https://www.cirtl.net/) for updates.
Imagining Post-PhD Career Possibilities: Advocating for your Professional Skills and Value

This four-part series supports graduate students and postdoctoral researchers at all levels, especially those nearing transitional phases, to articulate and build upon professional skills acquired within and outside of academic experiences. Participants will: identify skills and competencies developed in multiple settings; determine areas for additional development; and develop self-awareness and agency in pursuit of diverse post-graduate careers. In support of the professional development of equity-deserving communities, this series increases equitable and inclusive participation by uncovering the hidden curriculum of graduate education and by highlighting post-PhD career possibilities and diverse academic institutions and populations served. The first three sessions will emphasize strengths and skill development, and the fourth will be an opportunity for reflection and integration as part of a career plan. Participants will recognize and express their unique and marketable professional skills and value. In addition, they will gain self-awareness and agency regarding their employability.

- **1:30 – 3:00 PM, Monday, March 14, 2022:** Graduate Skills and Competencies: What Have I Really Learned?
- **1:30 – 3:00 PM, Monday, March 21, 2022:** Mentoring and Advising Relationships: What Skills Am I Developing?
- **1:30 – 3:00 PM, Monday, March 28, 2022:** Building My Networks and Engagement in Communities: What Connections Am I Growing and Why?
- **1:30 – 3:00 PM, Monday, April 4, 2022:** Putting It All Together: How Do I Articulate and Implement a Career Development Plan?

None listed this week.

Check [https://teaching.pitt.edu/workshops-events/](https://teaching.pitt.edu/workshops-events/) for updates.

**Three Minute Thesis: Speaking to Non-Specialists**  
*12:00 – 1:00 PM, Thursday, March 10, 2022*

In collaboration with the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, this workshop will provide you with information to prepare for the 2022 Pitt Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. This year's competition is a virtual event and is now open to ALL eligible Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) students. Winners will be announced live via Zoom at noon on Monday, April 4. In this workshop, Meghan Culpepper, from the Office of the Provost, will review the rules and eligibility requirements for the 3MT Competition, and Dr. Joel Brady will provide students with helpful hints and tips to prepare a three-minute oration and an accompanying presentation slide of their research.

See [https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/content/professionalism-series](https://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/content/professionalism-series) for more info.

**Entering Mentoring: Maximizing Mentoring Skills**  
*3:00 – 4:30 PM, Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Taking on the responsibility of being a mentor requires new skills and knowledge that are not typically addressed in academic training programs, though evidence-based approaches have emerged to help new mentors build and maintain successful mentoring relationships.

We invite you to attend this workshop, presented by Joseph Ayoob, PhD, Joel Brady, PhD, and April Dukes, PhD, to learn about these current best practices in mentoring that will equip you with the tools necessary to be a successful mentor.

You will develop vital strategies to cultivate and manage productive mentoring relationships that will contribute to the professional success of your mentees and that will provide you with personal satisfaction throughout your career.
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