

Junior Forum Syllabus

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Meetings	Tuesday 9–11 (Claude T. Bissell Building BL 305) Location: https://goo.gl/DN5HGk (immediately northeast of Robarts Library)

Course description and goals

This forum is geared at the first year PhD students in the Department of Linguistics. We will discuss how to make the most of your graduate school experience in order to build a successful career and to transition smoothly to the job market. The main topics we will address are:

1. How to plan and carry out your research
2. How to choose and apply for a conference, and how to make the most of a presentation
3. When and where to publish, and how to approach writing for publications
4. How to make the best of your teaching experience
5. What is the job market and how to prepare for it
6. How to write a good CV
7. How you make yourself visible on the Internet
8. How to balance work and personal life

Junior and senior faculty members will give guest presentations on these different topics. We will also ask you to participate in debates during our meetings and to engage in several activities like writing a CV or setting up a website.

Course website

The course website is available on *Blackboard* (<http://portal.utoronto.ca>). You will need your UTORid and password to log in. The course material will be available via Blackboard.

Course requirements

All first year PhD students are expected to attend all meetings. The course will feature in-class activities, such as discussions, asking and answering questions, providing feedback, and completing short assignments. Students will also be required to write a CV, set up a website, and do some readings. Other than the tasks mentioned, there will be no out of class work.

Class schedule (subject to change)

Wk	Date	Topic
1	T 09/29	Overview
2	T 10/06	Research
3	T 10/13	Conferences
4	T 10/20	Publications, part I
5	M 10/26	Jobs (no class on T)
6	T 11/03	Publications, part II
	T 11/10	Fall break (no class)
7	T 11/17	Teaching
8	T 11/24	Work-life balance
9	T 12/01	Online presence
