

# How to Get a Job

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# Audience

- Graduating PhDs, Postdocs
- Students not graduating but thinking about jobs



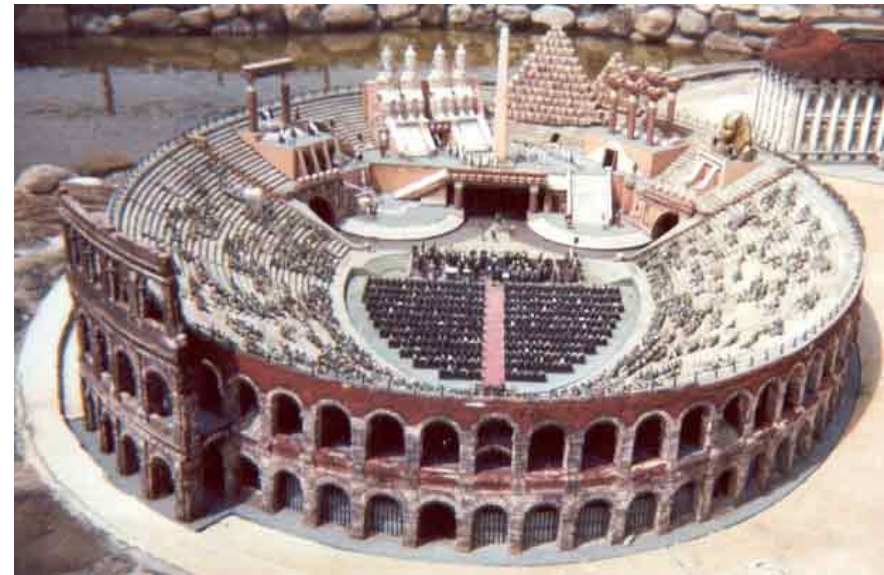
# Our Focus

- Academia
  - Research
  - Teaching
- Industrial Research Labs
- Focus on **getting the job** (less focus on pros/cons of the above)



# Providing a Forum

- Learn practical tips
- Meet other applicants
- Get informed



# Phases of Job Hunting

- Pre-application
- Application ← today's focus
- Interview





# Hot Topics Session

- For each area in computer science...
  - What's hot?
  - What institutions are well-known?
  - What is UCSD known for?



# Hot Topics planning

- When: January, but still TBD
- Speakers: **need volunteers**
  - Theory
  - AI/ML
  - Crypto
  - Graphics
  - Vision
  - Bio
  - Databases
  - Embedded
  - HPC
  - PL
  - Security
  - Crypto
  - OS
  - Networking
  - Distributed Systems
  - Software Engineering/HCI
  - VLSI



# Faculty Panel

- Geoff Voelker
- Sorin Lerner



# Introductions

- Name
- Years from graduating
- Career plan

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# Pre-Application Phase

- Doing research
- Publishing
- Networking (the human kind)
- Web site
- CV

# Application Phase

- Web site
- CV
- Choose where to apply (answer: apply broadly!)
- **Research statement**
- Teaching statement
  - Extremely important for teaching-focused universities
- **Recommendations**
- Cover letter (esp. important for teaching-focused universities)

# Where to find jobs...

- CRA.org (mailing list)
- Departmental Web sites

# Logistics

- Snacks okay? UCSD catering?