Career Diversity for Psychologists: an Introduction
Goals:

- Understand your questions
- Present transferable skills language
- Discuss initial range of options
- Take more of your questions
- Articulate concrete next steps
- Hear from interns about their roles
Today’s Agenda

I) Your skillz
II) Where to look?
III) Next Steps
IV) Q/A
But first, what are you doing here?
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Skills of Psychology PhDs

- Critical Thinking
- Writing
- Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Project Management
- What else?
Look at my skills mom!
Critical Thinking
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- **What you’ve got**
  - Observed behavior vs. inference
  - Theoretical explanation
  - Scientific methods

- **How it’s valuable**
  - Looking beyond the single case
  - Conceptualizing problems & solutions
  - Systematic approaches
Writing

- **What you’ve got**
  - Literature reviews
  - Explaining complex data & analyses
  - Persuasive argumentation

- **How it’s valuable**
  - Synthesizing disparate source material & distilling key information
  - Converting numerical information to meaningful text and graphics
  - Establishing credibility
Problem Solving
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- **What you’ve got**
  - Integrative perspective
  - Reliable measurement
  - Triangulation
  - Quantitative analysis

- **How it’s valuable**
  - Seeing the gray areas
  - Identifying patterns & consistency
  - Approaching from multiple angles
Collaboration
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- What you’ve got
  - Laboratory research
  - Article/chapter co-authorship
  - Large, multi-component grants

- How it’s valuable
  - Sharing physical space
  - Sharing intellectual space
  - Understanding relationship of the pieces to the whole
Project Management
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What you’ve got

- Conceptualize → design → data collection & analysis → write-up
- Identifying & securing data sources
- Obtaining support for your research

How it’s valuable

- Designing projects from start to finish
- Appraisal & management of resources
- Successful implementation, on time
- Programming/computing skills
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NONPROFITS
Industry

- UX Research and Design
- Ads, Marketing, Public Relations
- Organizational Design
- Curriculum Design
- Publishing
- Consulting
- Lobbying
- Game Design and Finance...
Nonprofits

- Local CBOs
- Public Charities
- Social Welfare & Advocacy
- Independent research
- Foundations
- Professional/Trade Organizations
- International/NGOs
Government

- Government Labs/Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- State / City / Local

Government-adjacent

- Lobbying Firms and Groups
- Advocacy Organizations
- Think Tanks
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Don’t go bananas.
Make the Time

- Exploration
- Networking
- Job Documents
- Interview practice
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Questions?
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