The Academic Job Search

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About Me

- I completed my PhD at Stanford University Dec. 2011

- Main research area: Static analysis, software verification

- Spent a good chunk of last year looking for academic jobs and interviewing

- Started as an assistant professor at W&M this December

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- Be yourself, don't obsess about impressing others!