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ARTICLES – Career Development and Relationships

TITLE: Using Your Research Skills for Career Exploration
Author: Tina Solvik
Published: April 12, 2021
Topic: Like any other research project, career exploration requires information gathering and assessment, can have unexpected discoveries, and is a long-term process, writes Tina Solvik.
LINK: https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2021/04/12/framing-career-exploration-research-project-opinion

TITLE: Networking Matters More for Women in Academe
Author: Karlyn Crowley
Published: March 9, 2021
Topic: We need to talk about why women, usually more than men, feel hesitant to build networks overtly -- and how we must remedy that, writes Karlyn Crowley.
LINK: https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2021/03/09/why-and-how-women-academe-need-network-opinion?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=a122f84d5a-DNU_2021_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-a122f84d5a-197800013&mc_cid=a122f84d5a&mc_eid=dbdcee20ba

TITLE: When, How and Why to Conduct Informational Interviews
Author: Brandy L. Simula
Published: January 28, 2021
Topic: A common misperception is that you should only pursue them when you are actively seeking a new position or making a career transition, writes Brandy L. Simula.
TITLE: **Mic-Drop Advice for Getting Promoted and Tenured**
Author: Katie D. Lewis
Published: October 29, 2020
Topic: Katie D. Lewis provides recommendations for how to succeed along the tenure track in each key area of academia -- while also balancing the demands of motherhood.

TITLE: **New Job: How to Negotiate Your Starting Offer**
Author: Karin A. C. Johnson
Published: October 22, 2020
Topic: Karin A. C. Johnson recommends five steps to take when negotiating the pay and benefits of a new job.

TITLE: **Starting a Tenure-Track Career: Settling in Your First Year.**
Author: Melissa Dennihy
Published: September 22, 2020
Topic: This transition, while enormously exciting, can present some challenges and concerns, writes Melissa Dennihy, who offers tips on how to settle in your first year and keep thriving.

TITLE: **Five Strategies for Navigating a New Job in a Crisis.**
Author: Michelle Moyna
Published: August 13, 2020
Topic: Although many institutions are implementing hiring freezes, some people are still beginning new jobs during the pandemic, and Michelle Moyna offers advice for starting off on the right foot.

TITLE: **If I Only Knew: Reflections for New Faculty Members at Research Universities.**
Author: Lance D. Fusarelli
Published: August 6, 2020
Topic: Now toward the end of his career, Lance D. Fusarelli looks back and offers three pieces of advice to just-minted professors.

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Author: Mai P. Trinh  
Published: January 9, 2020  
Topic: Mai P. Trinh describes how it has actually enhanced her career and made her a better scholar.  

TITLE: Conflict in your research group? Here are four strategies for finding a resolution.  
Published: Nov. 18, 2019, 3:25 PM  
Topic: Drawing on our own experiences and challenges, we offer four strategies for resolving conflict in the lab.  
LINK: https://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2019/11/conflict-your-research-group-here-are-four-strategies-finding-resolution

TITLE: Creating Serendipity (for Career Advancement)  
Author: Stephen J. Aguilar  
Published: April 18, 2019  
Topic: Stephen J. Aguilar offers guidance for developing habits that will help you maximize the odds of being at the right place at the right time when it comes to your career.  

TITLE: Positive Communication in Your Career Conversations  
Author: Laura N. Schram  
Published: April 8, 2019  
Topic: Laura N. Schram highlights six actions you can take to improve your professional relationships.  

TITLE: What I Learned as I Was Leaving Higher Education  
Author: Beth Godbee  
Published: January 16, 2019  
Topic: Beth Godbee shares three responses that surprised her when she announced her decision to depart higher ed after being at her institution for seven years and having just earned tenure and promotion.  
LINK: http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2019/01/16/professor-describes-what-surprised-her-when-she-announced-she-was-leaving-
TITLE: The Psychology of Networking
Author: Joseph Barber
Published: October 1, 2018
Topic: Joseph Barber recommends some best practices for introverts.
LINK: https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2018/10/01/viewing-networking-psychological-perspective

TITLE: Networking: Just Do It
Author: Stephen J. Aguilar
Published: June 28, 2018
Topic: Even if up until now you haven’t done it, even if you find it insufferable, even if you think you’re awkward, even if you secretly believe that you’re somehow above it argues Stephen J. Aguilar, do it and open yourself up to the possibilities that follow.