Academic Job Search Panel
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The End.

The light at the end of the thesis. Can you see it?

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Postdocs are the best!

Across **sciences**, **areas**, **institutions**

**Training**, **research**, **grant-writing**

**Contacts**, **publications**, **job hunt**
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Two postdoctoral positions in computational social science are available with dual appointments at Northeastern and Harvard Universities, to work in the lab of David Lazer. Candidates will be expected to work on a combination of their own research and collaborative projects within the lab. The collaborative projects are wide ranging, including experimental data on groups, large scale, society-spanning communication data, social media data, political contribution data, and large corpora of unstructured political text (visit LazerLab.net to get a sense of the array of projects). Key conceptual foci will range from understanding societal networks, collaboration in groups and organizations, political forecasting/prediction, political communication and collective action. A wide variety of disciplinary backgrounds will be considered (current/past disciplines represented in the lab include computer science, communication, organizational behavior, psychology, physics, design, economics and political science) but facility with handling and analysis of large data sets, a taste for novelty, and an interest in working collaboratively across disciplines a must. Compensation will be competitive.

If you are interested, please send a cover letter, CV, and two letters of reference to: j.briceno@neu.edu and d.lazer@neu.edu by February 15 (sooner is better). Questions should be sent to David Lazer at d.lazer@neu.edu or david_lazer@harvard.edu. Please label e-mails with POSTDOC 2016.
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Selection process

- **No geographic restrictions**
  - No backup option
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- **Geographic restrictions**
Information gathering

Explore **job call**: skills, docs, people

Explore **department, school, university**

**References**: warn early, warn often

Mobilize **social ties** for information
Application materials: customized building blocks

CV and personal statement

Teaching statement + sample syllabi

Research statement + writing samples
Don’t forget the Web!
Preliminary interviews

Format: Skype, phone, conference

Committee members and areas

What they want, what you want
Interview prep

Questions **for you**: research, teaching, fit

Write out answers: **short & long** version

**Practice** interviews with friends

Do not forget to **ask questions**!
Job Talk

Structure: past work, project, future work

Remember: people want you to do well!

Things you need to do that are awkward

Nudge esteemed references for letters

Tell committee about (potential) offers

Take some time to think over an offer

Negotiate an offer: timing, duties, pay
Good luck!