

Gain an Edge:
Build your Professional Network to Prepare for your Job Search

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Abstract

- Do you have a career search plan in place?
- Is your professional network active?

Join us to discuss what networking is and why all graduate students need a professional network. We will also discuss how to build your professional network and tips on improving your social presence. Compared prepared to ask questions and share best practices.

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Karin received a B.S. in Adult Home Economics Education from Iowa State University (ISU) and began her career in Extension – 4-H. She returned to ISU to complete a M.S. in an Interdisciplinary program of Agriculture Education, Family & Consumer Sciences Education, and Adult Education.

Following graduate school her careers spanned several fields and titles over the next 15+ years; higher education, social service administration, and K-12 school-to-career programming in Kansas City. Karin returned to Iowa to serve as the Director of Upper Iowa University – Des Moines Center for 8 years. At Upper Iowa, Karin was lead administrator of the Center responsible for course scheduling, faculty hiring and development, student services, budget, and marketing.

She returned to Iowa State University in 2012 as the Grant Coordinator for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. Supporting faculty with research budget development and submissions.

It was a year of unplanned unemployment in 2011 that brought Karin to find her passion in her current position. January 2015, Karin joined the Graduate College as the first Graduate/Postdoc Career Services Coordinator. Karin is enthusiastic about supporting graduate students and scholars as they build their career search skills.

This seminar counts towards the ME 600 seminar requirement for Mechanical Engineering graduate students.

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