Academic Job Interview Tips

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  • Don’t lose your audience. Start off with simple motivating examples
  • Slowly build complexity
  • Pause for questions
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✓ Last point
  • Go to the seminar room early to set up
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