PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT SMALLER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

- 3,600 undergraduates, 60 masters students
- College of Arts & Sciences (46 majors), College of Engineering (9 majors), and School of Management (4 majors)
- 9:1 student-faculty ratio
- Mathematics Department has 24 tenure track faculty, including five statisticians
WHY CHOOSE A SMALLER COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR A CAREER?

Teaching, Research, Service

TEACHING

- Students often choose small institutions for the opportunity to work closely with faculty
- Faculty often choose small institutions for the same reasons!
- Teaching is a priority; pedagogy is important
RESEARCH

- Opportunities to work with colleagues across campus
- Opportunities to work with students
  - Rewarding for both the student and for us as we watch our students grow
- Often fewer external funding requirements
  - At Bucknell, encouraged but not required

SERVICE AT A SMALLER CAMPUS

- Opportunities to have an impact
  - Departmental curriculum
  - College curriculum
- Fewer faculty
  - More are involved in University committees
  - Greater commitment to the school
  - Closer community
ISOLATED?
THE BROADER COMMUNITY

- Isostats listserv
- USCOTS / eCOTS
  - Next USCOTS May 2017, Penn State
- AP Readings

SOME CURRENT TENURE TRACK
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OPENINGS

- Bucknell University, Oct 15, kb.boomer@bucknell.edu
- Amherst College (Lecturer position), awagaman@amherst.edu
- Carleton College, Dec 1, Laura Chihara, Ichihara@carleton.edu
- Drew University, Dec 1, Sarah Abramowitz, sabramow@drew.edu.
- Macalester College, Nov 15, Tom Halverson
  halverson@macalester.edu
- New College of Florida, Nov 14, Patrick McDonald
  mcdonald@ncf.edu
- Skidmore College, Nov 1, Michael Lopez
- Smith College, Nov 15, Ben Baumer, bbaumer@smith.edu
- Willamette University, Oct 7, Peter Otto, potto@willamette.edu
LET’S HEAR FROM YOU…

► Questions??