PREPARING FOR THE ACADEMIC JOB MARKET
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Backward design
To prepare for the academic job market, do the things that will enable you to produce strong applications and strong campus visit performances

Big Picture
http://chronicle.com/article/Graduate-School-Is-a-Means-to/131316/
http://chronicle.com/section/First-Time-on-the-Market--146/
http://chronicle.com/article/What-I-Tell-My-Graduate/126615/
http://chronicle.com/article/Managing-Your-Emotions-on-the/125087/
http://chronicle.com/article/The-Academic-Job-Search-and/64861/
http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/useful-resources-for-the-academic-job-market/42892

Academic job application
CV
Build the record you need for the job you want, format for success
http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/creatingmaintaining-your-cv/26887

Sample publication/writings
Publish pre-doc, send pubs that are relevant to the position
http://chronicle.com/article/Writing-SamplesTeaching/125726/

Letters of recommendation
Earn good letters, respect & help your letter writers

Cover letter
Tailor to the position, make it perfect
http://chronicle.com/article/How-to-Write-Appealing-Cove/46284
http://chronicle.com/article/Writing-a-Good-Letter/46845
http://chronicle.com/article/That-Crucial-First-Impression/124876/

Research statement
Tell the story of your intellectual vision and future, connect to past & present
http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/1820/writing_a_research_plan

Teaching statement
Be specific & concrete, connect to your research
http://chronicle.com/article/4-Steps-to-a-Memorable/124199/
http://chronicle.com/article/A-Philosophy-of-Teaching/129060/
http://ucat.osu.edu/teaching_portfolio/philosophy/philosophy2.html

Teaching evaluations
UCAT evaluations, workshops, etc. http://ucat.osu.edu/
Medium list
Telephone interview
Prepare, practice, pick a good location, and dress for success
http://chronicle.com/article/The-Academic-Job-Interview/-44607/

Skype interview
Prepare, practice, pick a good location, and dress for success

Conference interview
Be prepared, enthusiastic, collegial
http://chronicle.com/article/The-First-Interview/45903/
http://chronicle.com/article/Minding-Your-Manners-for-the/134184/

Short list / Campus visit
Job talk
Present your research & yourself, address multiple audiences, be tech-ready
http://chronicle.com/article/Grim-Job-Talks-Are-a-Buzz-Kill/132843/

Interviews with search committee, department chair, dean
Be engaged & engaging, be informed & interested, be yourself
http://chronicle.com/article/Preparing-for-Campus-Interv/45331/
https://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/campus-visit-tipstricks/23013
http://chronicle.com/article/Preparing-for-Your-Interview/125909/

Meetings and meals with faculty, staff, students
Be on (interested, gracious, respectful) at all times
http://chronicle.com/article/The-Campus-Visit/46252/

There are several books about the academic job market. As a graduate student, I found useful an earlier version of

Job Search In Academe: How to Get the Position You Deserve, 2nd Edition, by
Dawn M. Formo & Cheryl Reed, 2011, Stylus Publishing

I also own and recommend