

An Unlikely Career Built Out of Saying “Yes!”

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Abstract: Faculty are often advised to closely guard their time and energy and say “no” to a variety of opportunities that may come their way. While faculty do need to focus on meeting goals that are essential to achieving tenure and promotion, it turns out there is ample time to say yes to interesting experiences. In this talk, we will focus on what types of opportunities to say yes to and look at how they can lead to career paths you never dreamed possible.



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