Finding Your People in Academia: Successful Networking for Collaboration and Friendship

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Abstract:

A professional network is undeniably important, and for decades literature has shown the importance of professional networks for career opportunities and advancement in academia. The positive influence of professional networks is even stronger for women and under-represented minorities. Research has consistently shown that women with a circle of close, highly connected women peers are more successful than those without. Friendships within these professional circles have also been shown to be helpful in promoting career success for women and other under-represented minorities.

As collaborative statisticians, networks within our statistical community are as important as those with the scientists with whom we work. Successful statistical collaborations rely on mutual trust and communication, and building professional networks and friendships from work relationships increases the impact of our statistical work. The panelists will share about turning work relationships into long-term collaborations and friendships. The panelists are all successful collaborative statisticians who have built friendships through their own professional networks. The panelists will share anecdotes and advice from their own careers for attendees to consider when building their own networks towards career success for themselves and their friends.

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