Hello,

My name is Yeabin Moon. I want to see some familiar faces there, but unfortunately, you know this is the final week of the semester, so I can only join online. I want to say hello to all.

According to Dr. Juhn, I was a naysayer, so I betrayed my own discipline, and working at the business school.

I graduated last year. Currently, I am a senior lecturer in data analytics at Brandeis International Business School. I just spent one year here, so my opinions are biased and subject to change in any given time.

I am not sure whether my experience or career would be useful to you, but more examples would be better. So, I’d like to share my experience.

I might be unusual in the sense that

* I am working at the business school
* I teach non economics related courses
* I am not a tenured faculty but have a mid-term or long term contracts depending on how you define the long-term

I prepared this talk as you guys did for the end-of-the semester presentation. Which means I began last night. All the jokes aside, I’d like to put some structures as much as possible.

So what do I do?

Obviously, I do teach. Now I am teaching machine learning and NLP classes. But for the first semester, I taught basic SQL and python programming classes. Over the last semester, data analytics faculties and I developed the courses on NLP class, and from the next semester, I will take in charge of them. I started to code when I was elementary school so I did not need any other training to teach SQL and python. For the NLP, this is because my dissertation.

The second thing is departmental service. It is considered as one course. Either you could contribute to course development or be a thesis advisor. Note that Brandeis business school mainly consists of master-level graduate students. And, departmental service may mean different thing in different program.

Third, since this is the business school. We do have a lot of projects affiliated with industry partners. Professors in practice and full-time faculties in data are in charge of those projects. This is basically a consulting, so it is paid additionally.

There are two things I considered when I took this job.

First thing was employment status. I was international student, so I was worried about visa. I heard that only tenured-track faculties would get sponsored either H1B or green card. Although this position is lecturer, it is multi-year based full-time employment. So they sponsored me. But, it may be different to program by program.

Secondly, work environment. How’s the people? Is there any potential I could grow? This is really hard to tell before you started to work. I will revisit this point next slide, talking about the recruiting process

When I got the **interview** offer, I had two pending offers from outside US. They were all tenured-track positions, but this one was a lecturer. But who knows? I’d like to have a talk. During the first round interview, I talked to them about my pending offers. A day later I received the offer.

To be honest, my mind was inclined to going Taiwan. But after receiving the offer, I had a lot of talks with the leadership here at Brandeis and my advisors. It was a really open talk. From the requirements to even after career options. And, it made me feel comfortable on this offer. Elaine supported me greatly throughout.

Since then, I had wonderful experience here at Brandeis, and I never regret my decision. But remember, I just only spent one year here.

Elane asked me whether I could share some thoughts on my market experience. But I guess everybody here knows almost everything. My thoughts are supplementary.

I have only one practical advice. Do not limit your job search. I mean

If you are interested in beyond economics, please include the search. Even in JOE, you will find many data related jobs.

If I only focus on tenured positions, I would not end up here. I really recommend you to apply lecturer position even if you are not interested in. At least, you can practice your talk or interview. And, you will never know what you’d do.

Lastly, don’t limit the search for full-time. The offer from Taiwan, it was a temporary position when I received the interview offer. But it turned out they offered me a tenured track position. I understand it’d be rare. But I want to stress out that you will never know.

For those who in the market now having no offer yet, I checked my mailbox, when I got the interview offers at last. I understand some of you would be worried about your market prospects. The last one was May 15 th. It was from a university in Sweden. So, please don’t give up. And if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.