

Conclusion

Academia can often be opaque to outsiders. I hope this book shows you what being a professor at an R1 university in the USA is like. Being a professor is not for everyone: you give up significant income, and perpetually make a fraction of what you could get in industry. However, being a professor also brings you joys and freedom that is hard to obtain in most other jobs. If you are considering becoming a professor, I hope this book allows you to make a more informed decision. If you are starting soon as a professor, congratulations, and I hope this book helps you a bit on your academic journey!

I would love to hear your thoughts on the book. Please email vijayc@utexas.edu with any comments or questions.