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Advice on Your Academic Career-Graduate School and Beyond

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In this meeting, Prof Ginther shared her academic trajectory from her PhD to her current position as the Director, Center for Science Technology and Economic Policy at KU. She shared many tips on how to have a successful career in the academe, in particular, in an Economics Department.

Out of her numerous useful tips, she emphasized one thing: research in order to get tenure. She said that in her experience, the best time to do research was during the dissertation stage. According to her, developing a love for research and a passion for one's research area should start during graduate school. A practical research tip that she endorsed was to get one's hands dirty and one should not spend too much time on another person's research paper or work.

In this meeting, for the first time, students from both the mathematics and economics department were invited. The Mathematics Department and the Economics Department are both located in Snow Hall at the KU Campus in Lawrence. This meeting was well-attended and was also graced by the presence of Prof Lukasz Stettner from the Institute of Mathematics, Polish Academy of Sciences.