Public speaking is a key academic skill. Indeed, being a capable and confident public speaker is a key competitive advantage for PhD students attempting to chart a career in academia. Whether lecturing to students, presenting scholarship to other academics, or speaking to general audiences, being able to speak concisely and clearly is of critical importance to the career of a scholar. It is also something that is almost never taught.

This year long seminar will provide practical tools to graduate students. Two public lectures - a general overview of public speaking and a seminar on public speaking for non-native speakers - will be open to all PhD students at Dornsife. In addition, there will be monthly meetings on various more focused topics.

The seminar is restricted to sixteen students and will be taught seminar style. The earlier students take the seminar in their graduate career, the more they can utilize the techniques learned in the seminar and apply them in their professional life. Interaction is expected, and students are expected to come prepared to each monthly meeting.

You must register for one-unit of EASC 590 each semester. In order to enroll, please email easc@usc.edu with your name, student and degree program.

Books for purchase:

*Public Speaking for Dummies*
Detailed schedule:

August 26, 2016: *Every Talk is a Job Talk (Public)*
Designed to help graduate students learn basics of good presentations in a variety of settings, these seminar will provide a series of tips and advice on the use of Powerpoint, effective body language, and other advice on public speaking.

September 30, 2016: *Video recording: five minutes of yourself on tape*
As horrifying as this sounds, it is incredibly useful.

October 28, 2016: *The job talk: one point and only one point*

January 27, 2017: *Public Speaking for Non-Native Speakers (Public)*
Non-native English speakers often face unique challenges when giving presentations. This talk will address these issues and provide advice specifically to graduate students who are not native English speakers on how to present well in an academic setting.

February 24, 2017: *The conference presentation*
A paper is not a talk, and turning a 40-page paper into a 12 minute presentation is a skill.

March 31, 2017: *Crafting a lecture*: being an engaging teacher and filling 65 long minutes with actual content that is interesting.

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