

## TIBBS Career Blitz - January 2012

### Career Profile of Tenured Faculty: Kathy Franz, PhD

#### **What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?**

Associate Professor of Chemistry. Started as an Assistant Professor in 2003 at Duke. Tenure in 2010.

#### **Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?**

MIT in 2000; PhD in Inorganic Chemistry

#### **Did you do a postdoc?**

Yes. At MIT in a different lab. Received NIH post-doc fellowship

#### **What are your main daily responsibilities?**

Changes from day to day, but includes:  
Teaching/preparing for class  
Going over data/experiments with students  
Write (manuscripts, grants, committee reports, . . .)  
Dept/Univ committees (could be meetings, or student committee activities, etc)  
Peer review  
Communicate with collaborators  
Email  
Read

#### **What are the keys to success in your career field?**

Be nimble and creative  
Surround yourself with good people

#### **What were the most important factors in choosing your career path?**

Sounds cliché, but do something you want to do. What motivates you?

#### **What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?**

Act the role that you want to become, not just the one you are currently in. One way to do that is to make your bosses' job easier (a good sign you could be the boss!).