Dr. Anna Marie Trester is an interactional sociolinguist and storyteller whose research and practical interests center around the language of work and career. She has worked with hundreds of linguists to find professional expression of their skills and training, and is the founder of Career Linguist, a blog and resource center for career exploration.

We can take our skills and training anywhere, but only to the extent that we can recognize them ourselves and make these better understood by the people with whom we would wish to work. Participants in this workshop will be given the tools to bring a linguistic practice to the texts and interactions that structure the job search. Students will hear stories of career linguists featuring the multifaceted ways that linguists are bringing linguistics to work. Participants will be given the opportunity to practice being linguists for themselves by familiarizing themselves with the career genres including job ads and adopt a story practice to bring analytical attention to the language used in professional self-presentation in resumes, cover letters, job interviews, and in networking interactions. They will leave with a clearer sense of the many ways in which the skills they are cultivating now may be applied to challenges known and also to those not yet uncovered.

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