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- AA, North Central Michigan College, 1997
- BS Mathematics, Alma College, 1999
- PSM Industrial Mathematics, Michigan State University, 2001
- Planning Analyst, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, 2001-2004
- Adjunct Mathematics Instructor, Oakland Community College, 2001-2002
- Analytical Consultant, Urban Science, 2004-present

Choosing a PSM Degree

- Desire to eventually teach at a community college
- Desire to obtain a pragmatic degree
- Interest in studying disciplines complementary to mathematics
- Excitement at being part of something new

Value of the PSM (relative to BS or other MS)

- In job search:
 - already obtained a Master's degree
 - proven my ability to apply mathematics to reality
- In career path, I was well-prepared:
 - Communication skills
 - Work habits
 - Master's degree

Advice for PSM Program Directors

- Communication and "people" skills are just as important as technical skills.
- Teamwork is important, but it's not everything.
- Once in a while, throw in a fire drill.

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