

APPENDIX A: Outline of Topics

The following outline delineates key issues that may have been important in shaping an individual's career as a computing educator. These are topics that can or should be touched upon in understanding the formative aspects of an individual's career. The outline is intended to serve as a guideline as an interviewer prepares for and conducts an interview.

1. Family background
 - a. Parents' education
 - b. Early education
 - c. Siblings
 - d. Other shaping influences
2. Education path
 - a. Undergraduate education
 - i. Where
 - ii. Major
 - iii. Other relevant coursework
 - iv. Any research experience?
 - v. Any teaching experience?
 - vi. Other shaping influences
 - b. MA or MS
 - i. Where
 - ii. Major
 - iii. Any research experience?
 - iv. Any teaching experience?
 - v. Other shaping influences
 - c. Ph.D.
 - i. Where
 - ii. Field of specialization
 - iii. Research experience
 1. Environment
 2. Experience as researcher
 - iv. Any teaching experience?
 - v. Other shaping influences
3. Time between degrees
 - a. Summer experiences
 - b. Interruptions
4. Career in CS Education
 - a. Type(s) of institutions
 - b. Role as researcher
 - c. Role as teacher
 - d. Relationships
 - i. Colleagues
 - ii. Students
 - iii. Administration
 - iv. Profession
 - e. Career path
 - i. Promotion
 - ii. Tenure
 - iii. Non-traditional
 - iv. Administrative positions
 - v. Professional community roles
 - vi. Mentoring
5. Challenges
 - a. Local work environment
 - b. Work and private life overlap
 - c. Larger professional community
6. Compromises
7. Outside interests