Career Profile of Non-tenure track Staff Scientist, Laura Lindsey-Boltz, PhD

What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?
Assistant Research Professor for 7 years

Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?
At Duke University in Molecular Cancer Biology

Did you do a postdoc? Where?
Postdoc in the laboratory of Aziz Sancar in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at UNC

What are your main daily responsibilities?
Design, conduct, and interpret experiments
Advise students and postdocs in the lab
Write and edit manuscripts and grants

What are the keys to success in your career field?
Have a strong work ethic, be dependable, and be a good team player

What were the most important factors in choosing your career path?
The factors I found most important were to find a great work environment with an ideal balance of responsibility and freedom to pursue interesting scientific questions.

What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?
Work hard, publish, and obtain a postdoc position in a highly acclaimed and well funded lab

Links for more information on this career path:
The Incredible Shrinking Tenure Track
http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/3150/the_incredible_shrinking_tenure_track