**TIBBS Career Blitz Career Profile Questionnaire**

1. Please provide your name and employer:
Christina Parker; Eli Lilly and Company
2. What is your current title and how long have you worked in your current job?
Advisor, Parenteral Pharmaceuticals
3. Where did you get your PhD and what discipline was it in?
UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Division Molecular Pharmaceutics and Pharmacoengineering (DPMP)
4. Did you do a postdoc?
Yes, I did an industry postdoc in a process development lab at Lilly.
5. What are your main daily responsibilities?
I provide technical support to the production lines formulating and filling insulin vials. This includes process monitoring and investigating procedural deviations for product quality impact.
6. What are the keys to success in your career field?
Adaptability, curiosity, and knowledgeable of protein chemistry, purification, and statistics
7. What were the most important factors in choosing your career path and current employer?
I wanted to move away from the bench and learn more about drug substance and drug product manufacturing, which exposed me to clinical trials, quality, regulatory, and other related functions within the company.
8. What activities (if any) did you participate in that helped you be successful in obtaining your job?
I participated in science writing and communication programs (UNC SWAC and Morehead Planetarium and Science Center’s IMPACT Program) that helped me explain my science to diverse audiences. This is especially important when explaining technical aspects to operators, lab scientists, and colleagues in non-technical roles.
9. What 1 or 2 pieces of advice do you have for people who want to land a job like yours?
Be flexible; no two days are the same. Spend as much time as possible on the production floor to learn your process(es).
10. How is the work/life balance in your career field and how much of a factor was that in your career choice?

Work/life balance is very important to me. I work typical business hours with the occasional night or weekend on-call, but I have plenty of time for hobbies and relaxation.