Careers in International Development Syllabus

This is a workshop based class that provides an overview of some of the career options for international relief and development, but focusses on working on developing an individual job-search strategy for students thinking about jobs in this area.

Students should come to class with:
a) A recent resume and cover letter.
b) 4-5 postings of jobs that they would like in the next 2-3 years.
c) 4-5 organizations that they would like to work for in the next 2-3 years.

This is a workshop based class and you should be prepared to engage in discussion, and work on your strategy for job-searches, and engage in constructive criticism of other student plans.

1. a) Introduction to the humanitarian enterprise.
   b) Introduction and overview to job searches.
   c) The Peace Corps.

2. a) Field based careers in humanitarian and development INGOs.
   b) Job description analysis.

3. a) Careers in the UN.
   b) Resumes and cover letters.

4. a) The Foreign Service.
   b) Interviews.

5. a) Headquarters, academia, think-tanks and other options.
   b) Workshopping.