

# *The Long and Winding Road to My Dream Job*

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2008

**Embry-Riddle**

2006

U Michigan

Aug 2008  
move to  
Austin

Postdoc  
2004-2007

2007

UC Santa Cruz  
Tufts U

**Embry-Riddle\***

*deferred for 1  
year to go to  
UW Madison*

2010

**U Alberta**  
**UT San Antonio**  
Siena College\*  
SFSU\*

\*No Graduate Program

Shortlists

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Offers

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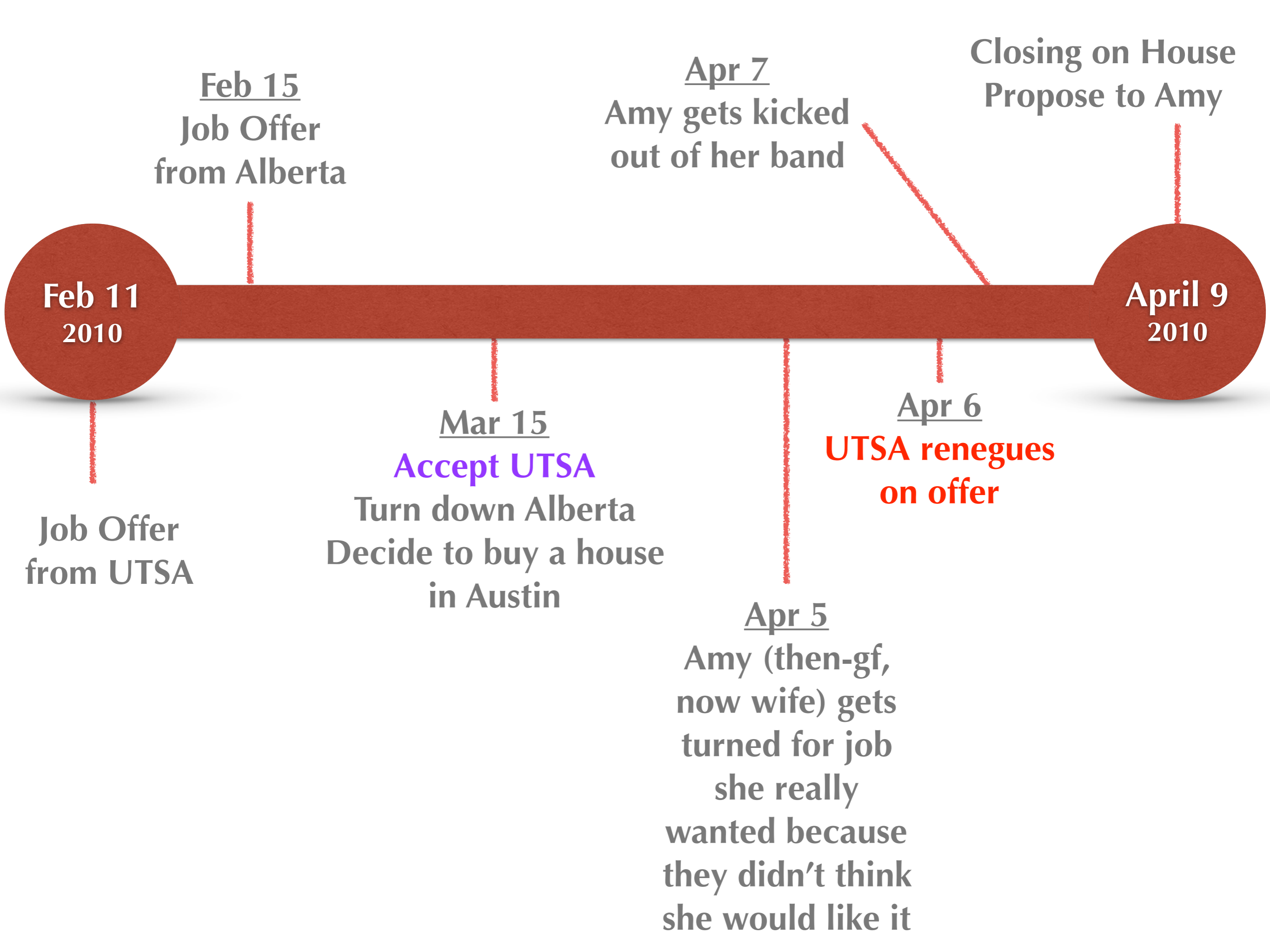
Acceptances

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Renegues

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Feb 11  
2010

Feb 15  
Job Offer  
from Alberta

Job Offer  
from UTSA

Mar 15  
**Accept UTSA**  
Turn down Alberta  
Decide to buy a house  
in Austin

Apr 5  
Amy (then-gf,  
now wife) gets  
turned for job  
she really  
wanted because  
they didn't think  
she would like it

Apr 7  
Amy gets kicked  
out of her band

Apr 6  
**UTSA reneges  
on offer**

Apr 9  
Closing on House  
Propose to Amy

April 9  
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she would like it

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Sat, Feb 26  
AMY AND I  
GOT MARRIED!!

Feb 24  
2011

Job Offer  
from SHSU

Wed, Mar 2  
Accept  
SHSU offer



SHSU  
Spring  
Break

Mar 12-20  
2011

Feb 24  
2011

Job Offer  
from SHSU

Sat, Feb 26

AMY AND I  
GOT MARRIED!!

Wed, Mar 2

Accept  
SHSU offer

Mon, Mar 7

On advice from  
\*dean\*, ask  
department  
chair to increase  
startup

Thu, Mar 10

Dean informs  
me that they are  
moving on to  
another  
candidate

Hear *nothing*  
back from  
anyone for  
three days.

Fri, Mar 11, 9am

Wait outside dean's  
office to try to get  
in and explain the  
facts

Fri, Mar 11, 1pm

30 minutes after  
meeting with  
dean, he calls to  
apologize,  
reinstates my  
acceptance, and  
welcomes me to  
SHSU

Mar 12-20  
2011

SHSU  
Spring  
Break



**Postdoc**  
2004–2007

2008  
**Embry-Riddle**

2010  
**UTSA**

2011  
**Sam Houston**  
**Sam Houston**

2012  
**UTSA:**  
*still a bunch of assholes*

2015  
**Trinity U\***

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Reinstatements  
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# Offers

**2007: Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University\* – \$60k salary + \$25k startup**

**2010: U Alberta – \$95k salary + \$280k startup**

**UTSA – \$90k salary (initial offer \$65k) + \$100k startup**

**2011: Lehman College – \$75k salary (initial offer \$68k) + \$100k startup**

**Sam Houston State\* – \$65k salary (initial offer \$53k) + \$35k startup**

**2014: Trinity\* – \$72k (initial offer \$68k) + \$100k startup**



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# University:

2,299

2014 ENROLLMENT

63%

FIRST YEARS IN  
TOP 20% OF CLASS

9:1

STUDENT/  
FACULTY RATIO

3.52

AVG. HIGH SCHOOL  
GPA

247

FACULTY

47

MAJORS

97%

FACULTY  
HOLD PHDS

146

YEAR OLD  
INSTITUTION

# Department of Physics and Astronomy:

**8 faculty (3 astro and 1 LIGO)**

**6.7 Physics majors per year**

**1.3 Astronomy minors per year**



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