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# **Video Title**

The title of the video is “Dr. Sarah Williams – How I became Your Math Professor.” The video is two minutes and twenty-three seconds in length.

# **Video Description**

This video shows Dr. Sarah Williams’ -journey towards becoming a professor.

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Hi there. I'm Sarah Williams, and I've been teaching at Foothill since 2013. It

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really is the best job in the world! I grew up in Oregon, which is beautiful. And

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I sometimes feel like I followed a long and winding path to get where I am today.

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My first step into the world of work was at a bank. My brother got me that job.

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When I went to college, I became a math major, because I really liked the people

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I met in the math department. And I loved the camaraderie of working through

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challenges together. During college, I had a job greeting math homework. I had a

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job in food service -- I wasn't so great at that. I had a job shelving books at the

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library; I had an internship with the police department. Near the end of

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college, I had a summer internship in Washington, D.C., at the Bureau of Justice

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Statistics. I didn't love that job, but I did love

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Washington, D.C. It's a small town, so you actually run into people you know on the

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subway, or on the street. After graduating from college, I decided to go back to

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Washington, D.C. I still loved the town. My job this time was in business, and I

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remember the day that I said to myself, "I do not love working in business, and I

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miss... math homework." And the camaraderie of working on challenges together. I went

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to graduate school at UC Davis, where there are a lot of bikes.

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I had a postdoc position in North Carolina, and I also taught at Duke

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University. It was rather grand. When my husband and

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I had the opportunity to come back to the Bay Area in California, one of my

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colleagues in North Carolina said to me "You know, the real opportunity for

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innovation in teaching is in the community colleges in California." He was

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right. Here at Foothill, I have the best colleagues, and the best students, and

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finally... I love my job!