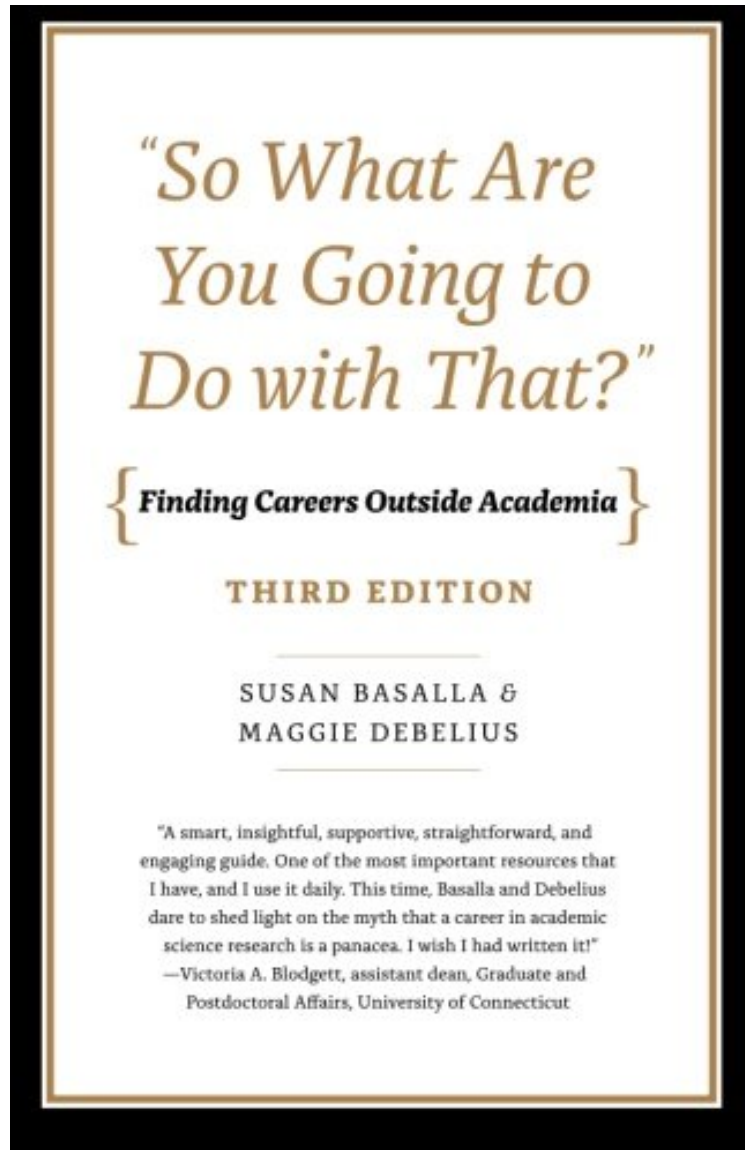


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And let's not forget that PhDs looking for careers beyond academe must often overcome stereotypes associated with the three letters trailing their names. As Basalla and Debelius note, a common assumption is that academics can't work in teams. Some of this caution is justified: graduate programs in the humanities have a tendency to incentivize specialization at the expense of collaboration. The more successful a student is, the more likely they are to conduct solitary research in a quiet laboratory or archive.