MAPH Career Development at UChicagoGRAD

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- Programming and web resources
- One-on-One Advising:
  - Careers
  - Fellowships
  - Writing and Communications
  - Sounding board

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MAPH is a Career Move

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II: MAPH is a Career Move

- It’s not a break from the world, and next year isn’t a “gap year”
- Treat it like a job that requires:
  - Event attendance
  - Advising appointments
  - Preparation
- ...should you be panicking?

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No.
You should NOT be panicking.
Look! An Otter!
Don’t limit yourself to the Classics Building

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Start thinking about what makes you a humanist.
What can humanists “do”?
Can you still be an astronaut?
No.
In fact, absolutely not.
You’re bad at MATH.
MAPH as Intellectual Adventurism
“Career” as Humanist Genre

- Articulate abilities for multiple contexts
  - Push beyond “Critical Thinking/Writing”
  - Humanists are translators, evidence junkies, claims-makers, creators of radical idea associations, synthesizers of material

- Identify the work that matters to you
  - Finding fit for intellectual interests
  - Creating connections within UChicago’s many communities

- Develop intellectual skills
  - Workshops, programs, one-on-one advising

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Adventurism!

...with structure
The MAPH Year

BBQ

Get an internship

Hand in first term papers

Find an Advisor

GradUCon

Spring Break: job interviews/papers/and skiing

Thesis

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Managing the Parts of a MAPH year
Fall Quarter

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Fall Quarter

- Acclimate to UChicago’s culture
  - Focus on coursework
  - (Re)learn how to write

- Go to Programming
  - CAS Workshops, GRADFair
  - Master’s Programs / MAPH alum night
  - Expose Yourself! / Getting a Start In...

- Interim Goals
  - Write a first draft of a resume
  - Identify areas of career interest
  - Intern/work-study job/volunteer
Winter Quarter
Winter Quarter

- **A tough quarter: thesis and polar winds**
  - Living well in winter can be hard
  - Diversifying activities helps

- **Go to Events and cultivate community**
  - GRADTalk events, workshops
  - MAPH, UChicagoGRAD, SCS, etc.

- **Interim Goals**
  - Contact MAPH alums / info. interviews
  - Polish job application materials
  - Identify selection of nonprofit/industry jobs
  - Set (and stick to) a writing schedule

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DON’T START “LOOKING FOR JOBS” in Spring Quarter
Spring Quarter
Spring Quarter: Have an Answer for your Parents...

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Spring Quarter

- **Follow through**
  - Thesis deadlines; course papers; sunshine

- **Go to Programming**
  - GradUCON
  - Mock-interviews/employer sessions
  - Resume and Cover Letter workshops

- **Meet Final Goals**
  - Finish the program by June
  - Secure opportunities (short/long term)
  - Feel ownership of your trajectory
  - And in summer....rest.

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