



3 Things to Know; 1 Thing to Do

The Work of a Humanist

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Romi Crawford: SAIC

Research and
methodological skills are
useful to artists and scholars



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Art needs interpreters not
just historians



Romi Crawford: SAIC

Combining interests is
valuable



Thing to Do:

**Start or found something -
Embody the DIY spirit.**



Paul Durica: Arts Club of Chicago

I get to develop relationships with arts organizations and cultural institutions across the city and the country.



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I get to work with artists and academics from many different fields in developing programs



Paul Durica: Arts Club of Chicago

I have the opportunity to share humanities-based content with a broad and general audience.



Thing to Do:

Develop the research, presentation, and structuring skills you will use on a daily basis.



Colleen Mullarkey: UChicago Library

Professional positions in academic libraries blend public service with intellectual work. The blend is often flexible and can be shaped by the person in the job.



Colleen Mullarkey: UChicago Library

Humanists understand the need to preserve texts; they are skilled at planning, explaining and carrying out preservation efforts.



Colleen Mullarkey: UChicago Library

Bibliographers serve as liaisons between the Library and University faculty, particularly new faculty.



Thing to Do:

Gain relevant experience by getting a job in an academic library (at UChicago or elsewhere).



Manuela Noske: Microsoft

Career growth: The skills that get you into the industry are not the same skills that will move you ahead



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Critical thinking: Use your critical thinking skills to help your company/team make the right decisions; don't use them as a weapon to fight people



Manuela Noske: Microsoft

Continuous learning: Keep up with industry trends and stay attuned to changes in corporate culture – adapt!



Thing to Do:

Create a LinkedIn account and use it to research industry trends, identify individuals who you can help (and who may be helpful to you network actively).



Novia Pagone: IME

Working closely with faculty (on research, workshops, managing your dissertation, etc.) as a grad student can be turned into valuable experience for a job in higher ed administration.



Novia Pagone: IME

Data and Excel spreadsheets
are your friends.

Learn them.

Love them.



Novia Pagone: IME

Get to know the people at the university where you would like to work, preferably in the office/unit that interests you most.



Thing to Do:

Apply for a Higher Education Internship



Theresa Reid

The U.S.'s 1.6 million nonprofits are **businesses**.

They require strategy, business plans, goal-setting, measurement, accounting, management, human resources, budgeting, communications, accountability to stakeholders, creating and delivering a valuable product, making payroll, federal reports, legal oversight, revenue generation, etc.



Theresa Reid

Running a nonprofit is like running a business, but **harder**.

For-profits don't have missions – just bottom lines.

For-profits, unlike many nonprofits, usually have high-capacity boards.

For-profits often are better organized, and better equipped to support career development.



Theresa Reid

The non-profit sector needs the insight, empathy, and analytical skills brought by humanities PhDs.



Thing to Do:

One thing to do (you're good at this): LEARN
Read : Peter Drucker, *Managing the Nonprofit Organization*

Familiarize yourself with thought leaders:
Stanford Social Innovation Review (ssir.org),
Bridgespan (Bridgespan.org), BoardSource
(BoardSource.org), FSG Consulting (fsg.org).
Start big: Guidestar.org



Lauren Silvers: GrowthPlay

Switching careers to consulting is a great way to constantly renew your vertical learning curve



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People in the consulting field and business world in general are thoroughly impressed with PhDs



Lauren Silvers: GrowthPlay

Only the big firms will actually train qualified candidates with advanced degrees to do the job



Thing to Do:

Find a good mentor! It's not just about networking, it's about sourcing good mentorship.



Elena Yatzeck: JP Morgan

Things to know about being an IT exec, in order from most to least worrisome:

You have to zealously orienteer. The steps are not defined the way they are in graduate school or the academic career path.



Elena Yatzeck: JP Morgan

You must be charming, fearless, and able to cut to the heart of a huge and ambiguous stream of communication, and react accordingly



Elena Yatzeck: JP Morgan

You must be really smart, able to learn things quickly, and able to write well.



Thing to Do:

Read this blog post first: Pragmatic Agilist: Non-Crazy Job Hunting in 5 Steps.

Then, if it seems appropriate, take advantage of consulting firms (McKinsey & co), who are specifically looking to recruit PhD students. You are low-pay-demanding genius-gold to them!



Jim Barron: Germantown School

Multiculturalism: I need to constantly adapt to different audiences and not look like a remote scholar.



Jim Barron: Germantown School

Teaching is all about
collaboration / facilitation /
guidance



Jim Barron: Germantown School

Faculty Community: I am a
colleague in a diverse and
dynamic faculty environment



Thing to Do:

Become clear about what specifically excites them in their field; think concretely about how they would engage students with the subject of their expertise

