

# PATHS

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND TRAINING FOR  
HUMANISTS AND HUMANISTIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS



## PATHS NEWSLETTER

PATHS is a Mellon-funded initiative that helps Ph.D. students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences chart a course toward careers in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government. This newsletter features career resources and upcoming professional development opportunities for these Ph.D. students at UChicago.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### A Humanist in the Tech World

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 4:00-5:00 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ (3rd floor of the UChicago bookstore)

Join PATHS for a discussion with a humanities Ph.D. alumna who currently works at a major tech company in Chicago. Lauren Silvers

(Ph.D. Comparative Literature) is a Senior Global Sales Performance Consultant, Talent Solutions at LinkedIn. Lauren will discuss her career trajectory and provide an inside look at some of that ways that humanistic training can be put to work in the tech sector. RSVP in [GRAD Gargoyles](#) (Events > GRAD Events).



### What kinds of PATHS programs or courses would you like to see?

[Give Feedback Here](#)

### Academic Job Market Fall Series

Are you currently applying for academic jobs? Need some guidance or further information about the process? Sign up for the remaining Fall quarter sessions offered by UChicagoGRAD. RSVP in [GRAD Gargoyles](#) (Events > GRAD Events).



- **Preparing an Effective Teaching Demonstration:** Wednesday, November 06, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ
- **Negotiation Best Practices:** Wednesday, November 13, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ

#### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

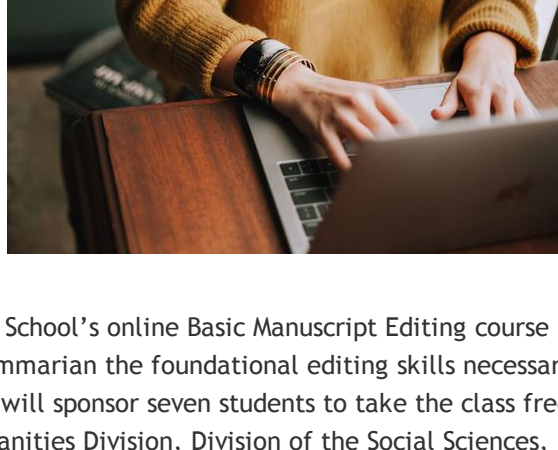
- **GRADTalk: Improving Your Interview Skills (Industry, Nonprofit, and Government):** Friday, November 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m. UChicagoGRAD HQ
- **International Student and Postdoc Series--Introduction to the U.S. Job Search:** Monday, November 4, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ
- **Globally Minded Resume and Cover Letter Workshop:** Thursday, November 7, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ
- **Managing Your Online Scholarly Presence (Library Workshop):** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register [HERE](#).
- **Workshop on Teaching Portfolios:** Thursday, November 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Wieboldt 310 D/E

## FEATURED COURSES

### Basic Manuscript Editing

Saturdays, 10-11:00 a.m. January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 22, 29; Online Course

Whether your passion for punctuation has piqued your curiosity in the publishing industry, or you want to proofread your own writing with confidence, the Graham School's online Basic Manuscript Editing course will give even the most seasoned grammarian the foundational editing skills necessary to succeed in any career path. PATHS will sponsor seven students to take the class free of charge. Ph.D. students in the Humanities Division, Division of the Social Sciences, and Divinity School who are interested in the course should email [Celeste Cruz-Carandang](#), the PATHS coordinator, for more information.

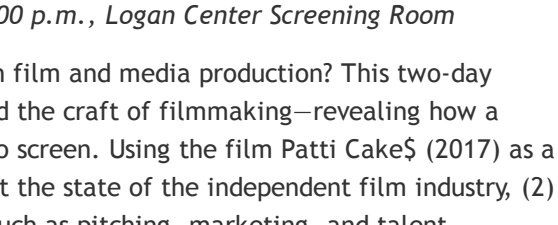


### Independent Filmmaking from a Producer's Perspective

November 16-17, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Logan Center Screening Room

Are you interested in building skills in film and media production? This two-day seminar will focus on the skills behind the craft of filmmaking—revealing how a producer guides an idea from script to screen. Using the film *Patti Cake\$* (2017) as a starting point, we will (1) learn about the state of the independent film industry, (2) participate in case studies on topics such as pitching, marketing, and talent management, and (3) explore how Ph.D. students can translate their academic training into a wide range of careers in this field. You will leave this seminar with a better understanding of careers in independent film as well as an improved ability to market your ideas.

The seminar will be taught by Michael Gottwald, who was one of the producers of *BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD*, which won the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance and the Camera d'Or at Cannes. RSVP in [GRAD Gargoyles](#) (Events > GRAD Events).



## FEATURED JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

### Curriculum Development Internship



CHICAGO CENTER ON  
**DEMOCRACY**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Chicago Center on Democracy (CCD) is an academic center based at the University of Chicago that uses the power of research and discussion to support democracy worldwide. This internship proposes to expand an existing CCD course on democratic erosion to reach new public audiences. This project will help the intern learn how to adapt academic content for a diverse set of audiences, gain experience with community outreach, and build skills in course design and teaching. Interested applicants should apply using [GRAD Gargoyles](#) (Job ID #66296).

#### OTHER JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

- **Curatorial Research Internship**, Logan Center Exhibitions: apply in GRAD Gargoyles (Job ID #66005)
- **Public Engagement Intern:** Center for Latin American Studies: apply in GRAD Gargoyles (Job ID #65927)
- **Graduate Admissions Intern:** UChicagoGRAD: apply in GRAD Gargoyles (Job ID #66062)

## CAREER INSIGHTS



### Did You Know?

With your Ph.D. in the humanities and humanistic social sciences, you could . . .

- become a Director of Academic and Professional Affairs for a major scholarly society like [this History Ph.D.](#)
- become the Head of Research Archives at the Oriental Institute (University of Chicago) like [this NELC Ph.D.](#)

### Reading List

- [Public Writing and the Junior Scholar](#) from the Chronicle of Higher Education
- [Can You Have a Rewarding Intellectual Life Outside Academe?](#) from the Chronicle of Higher Education
- [The Strategic Way to Be Yourself in a Job Search](#) from Inside Higher Ed
- [The Elephant in the Room: Career Diversity and the Crisis of Grad Student Mental Health](#) from the American Historical Association

### Recap: GRADFair

GRADFair provides opportunities for graduate students, postdocs, and recent graduate alumni to explore a wide range of possible career trajectories and to network with potential employers. I participated as a roving reporter to explore the employment opportunities for humanities, humanistic social sciences, and divinity school graduate students. During brief informational interviews, I asked each employer three questions: 1) What do you consider to be the most important strength of UChicago graduate students? 2) Why is your company a good fit for UChicago graduate students? 3) What is one piece of advice you have for our graduate students who hope to be employed by your company? All of the companies value our graduate students' critical thinking skills and mastery of specific subject areas. Below are their responses to the employer-specific questions.



**K-12 Education:** Carney Sandoe & Associates (A placement agency for 1000 independent K-12 schools nationwide)

**What They Offer:** They place teachers with schools that have a variety of economic (and other kinds of) diversity—not just elite prep schools.

**Prepare to Apply:** Work at a summer camp, volunteer at schools, (sign up for a “fellowship” at one of the independent schools that interests you, these are for the year after you graduate and give you supervised teaching experience).

**Nonprofits / Higher Ed Administration:** HERC (Higher Ed Recruiting Consortium, a nonprofit consortium that consolidates higher ed job postings from member universities and also consults with universities to teach best practices regarding diversity and inclusivity)

**What They Offer:** Their members range from Top 10 schools to community colleges—they have to provide for every graduate's interest.

**Prepare to Apply:** Be open to jobs you wouldn't immediately think of—counseling, for example—and think outside the box about potential jobs. Take time to think about your options while you're at the University of Chicago and get an internship.

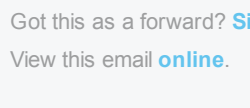
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