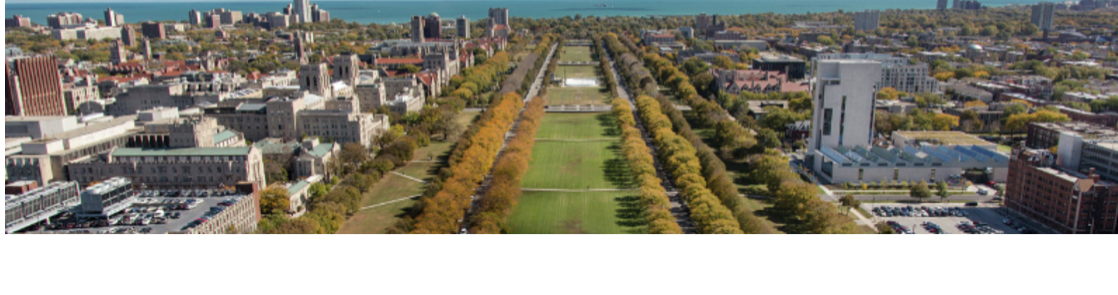


# PATHS

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND TRAINING FOR  
HUMANISTS AND HUMANISTIC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS



## PATHS NEWSLETTER

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### Programming the Good Life

Monday, December 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ (3rd floor of the UChicago bookstore)

Join PATHS for a career conversation with Zack Loveless (PhD Philosophy '18). After completing his PhD at UChicago, Zack began working as the Director of Programming and Operations at the Hyde Park Institute. HPI focuses on supporting research in moral philosophy, centering on the question of how to live well. Zack will discuss what working at such an institute actually involves and answer questions about his experience of transitioning to a new workplace after graduating. RSVP in [GRAD Gargoyle](#).



### High School Teaching Career Exploration Trek to the Lab School

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Are you curious about what it's like to work in an independent high school? Join UChicagoGRAD for a day-long trek to visit the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, which are among the nation's best independent schools. You'll hear from Lab's high school faculty, including teachers who have master's and doctoral degrees from UChicago in a wide range of disciplines. You'll also have opportunities to meet students, observe classes, learn about hiring practices, and hear from Noah Rachlin, Lab's Director of Teaching and Learning. This event is appropriate for graduate students and postdocs in all disciplines. RSVP required—see posting in [GRAD Gargoyle](#). Attendees will be given a full itinerary prior to the trek.



## Do you have PATHS programming ideas?

[Give Feedback Here](#)

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

- **Prepping Effective Conference Presentations:** Wednesday, December 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ
- **How to Build and Leverage Your Personal Brand:** Thursday, December 5, 12:30-1:45 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ
- **English Career Conversation Hour-Elevator Pitch:** Friday, December 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m., UChicago GRAD HQ
- **Resume Writing for Industry and Nonprofits:** Monday, December 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicago GRAD HQ
- **Cover Letter Best Practices for Industry, Nonprofits, and Government:** Tuesday, December 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicago GRAD HQ

## FEATURED JOBS AND INTERSHIPS

### Internship with NPR'S Throughline Podcast

Application deadline: February 1, 2020

NPR's hit podcast, Throughline, is seeking a Ph.D. student (preferably a historian) for a spring or summer research internship. Throughline provides the history we sometimes forget—or didn't know in the first place—of events in the news and ideas dominating our national conversations. The intern will assist the Throughline team in researching topics and themes for our upcoming episodes. The fellow will attend meetings and group edits and have the opportunity to learn the work of Throughline from pitch to production. This is a D.C.-based spring or summer internship with possible start dates of March 30 (spring quarter) or June 22 (summer quarter). The Intern will receive a stipend of \$6,000. Apply or receive more information via the [GRAD Gargoyle](#) job board (Job ID: 66461).



### OTHER JOBS AND INTERSHIPS

- **Archival Research and Digital App Development Internship** at the Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies: Apply in [GRAD Gargoyle](#) (Job ID #66366)
- **Interpretive Research Internship** at the Chicago Architecture Center: Apply in [GRAD Gargoyle](#) (Job ID #66460)
- **GGI Summer Internships with French Cultural Institutions** (Musée D'Art Modern De Paris, the Musée Carnavalet, the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte, and the Château de Fontainebleau): Apply in [GRAD Gargoyle](#) (Job IDs 66452 to 66457)

## CAREER INSIGHTS



### Did You Know?

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

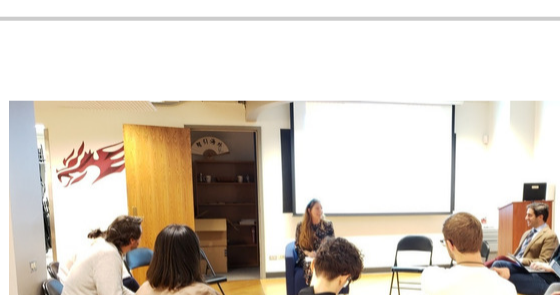
- Be an **Editorial Assistant** at an academic press like this [Comparative Literature Ph.D.](#)
- Become a **Managing Director and Partner** in consulting like this [NELC Ph.D.](#)

## Reading List

- [What to Know When You Approach Book Editors at a Conference](#) from The Chronicle of Higher Education
- [One Common Phrase Can Undermine Your Job Search](#) from Inside Higher Ed
- [The Benefits of Social Media](#) from Inside Higher Ed

## Recap: A Humanist in the Tech World

On Tuesday, November 19, Lauren Silvers of LinkedIn discussed her career trajectory from a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature to a Senior Global Sales Performance Consultant. Over the course of five years, she spun her interest in sales into the job of her dreams. During this time, she learned the language of business, got experience in sales consulting, built her professional network, and found employment with a company whose business culture matched her interest in diversity, inclusion, and belonging. Silvers shared some tips for anyone who wants to transition to the tech sector:



- Learn the language that the tech sector uses, adopt it yourself, and figure out how to describe your skills and experiences in that language.
- Start building your professional network early by embedding yourself in the companies that interest you. Amp up your effectiveness by adapting a sales concept called “multi-threading.” Instead of only contacting people in jobs at the level that you qualify for (making a horizontal network), ask your interviewee for two contacts: one peer (horizontal) and one supervisor (vertical). This allows you to create a 2-dimensional network in which you will learn about a job for your immediate future, as well your next job.
- Find a mentor in the tech sector (use your network!) who can help you about the field. Silvers recommends looking for someone who holds a senior position or is getting ready to retire. Work with them and earn their trust. Their training is invaluable, and they will be an important part of your growing network.
- “Don’t be naive”—you need practical experience to go with your Ph.D., and you will have to plan ahead to be adequately prepared for the job market. If you want to get into consulting, for example, Silvers advises spending a full year preparing.

## Submit to the PATHS Newsletter

If you are hosting a relevant event that you would like featured in this newsletter, please send the event information to [paths@uchicago.edu](mailto:paths@uchicago.edu).

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