



Career Histories of PhD Graduates Faculty: Arts and Humanities

Note: Blue = academic role

PhD Subject or Department & Grad date	Current Job Title	Organisation & / or Job Sector	Previous Job (s)	PhD Essential for role?	Page number
Dutch, 2006	Speechwriter	The European Commission	No	Not essential but useful	2
French, 2008	Lecturer in Translation	Roehampton University	Part-time Lecturer at Surrey and Westminster	Desirable	2
German, 2006	Part-time Lecturer in German	King's College London	Visiting lecturer at Oxford University and King's College London	Yes	2
German, 2007	Teacher & Language Coordinator	Kent Education Authorities, Education Authority	No	Not stated	2
Philosophy, 2004	1. sessional Lecturer 2. Assistant Organiser	1. Birkbeck College 2. Camden Federation of Private Tenants	Not stated	1. Yes	2
Philosophy, 2006	Senior lecturer in Philosophy	London School of Economics and Political Science	Fellow at Harvard's Centre for Ethics	Yes	2
Philosophy, 2007	Completing a Pupillage (Barrister Training).	Not stated	Studying for legal qualifications	Not stated	3
Slade, 2005	Lecturer	University of Westminster	No	Not stated	3

Career Case Studies: Further Details

U. – PhD Dutch, 2006

Since graduating from UCL, U. has been an international civil servant at the European Commission (EC) and works as a speechwriter. He found this job advertised in the EC website. Prior to his PhD, he has been teaching translation studies and related subjects in Italy, the Philippines and the US. Although his PhD is not essential for his current job, it did help him stand out from applicants and get his job at the EC. His subject knowledge in languages is important for his role on a day to day basis. Key transferable skills for his job include communications and the ability to think outside the box.

D. – PhD French, 2008

Since graduating in 2008, D. has worked as a part-time Lecturer at Surrey and Westminster. He currently works as researcher in Comparative Literature and Audiovisual Translation, and a Lecturer in Translation at Roehampton University. His PhD was desirable for securing his current position which he found through personal networks. Technical skills and the methodologies learnt during his PhD are important for this work, as well as transferable skills in organisation, planning, communications and information gathering.

E. – PhD German, 2006

E, is currently working as a part-time Lecturer in German at King's College London which he found through personal networking. Before this he held visiting Lectureships at King's College London and Oxford University. His PhD and subject knowledge are essential for these positions as are his transferable skills in team work, communications, decision making, information gathering, planning and organisation, flexibility, and independence. While at UCL he attended a Career Service session on Translation as a Career and found it useful.

E. – PhD German, 2007

E. works as a Teacher and Language Co-ordinator for Kent Education Authorities. She does not directly use her language skills for the role, but her understanding of foreign languages and its role in the curriculum is important. E. believes that self-motivation and self-study skills learnt during her PhD are important for her role. Whilst at UCL, E. took part in Graduate School discussions.

- *Specific courses Attended: 'Preparing For The Viva'; 'Publishing your Thesis'.*

M., PhD Philosophy, 2004

M. is currently a sessional Lecturer at Birkbeck College (which he found through the Guardian and an email newsgroup (Birkbeck)) and an Assistant Organiser for the Camden Federation of Private Tenants. His PhD is essential for his teaching post but irrelevant for his other role. His subject knowledge of Kant, Philosophy of History, Continental Aesthetics, and German Romanticism are part of his course programme at Birkbeck. He names a number of transferable skills that he uses on a regular basis such as communication, quick thinking, planning and organisation, flexibility and being able to work independently.

A. – PhD Philosophy, 2006

Alexander is currently a senior lecturer in Philosophy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Prior to this he was a Fellow at Harvard's Centre for Ethics. He found his role through a job advert on the Philosophy Job email list. His PhD is essential for his current role in

academia and he uses his subject knowledge on a day to day basis. Key transferable skills include quick thinking, team work, communication, decision making, information gathering, planning and organisation, flexibility and independence. When entering employment for the first time, the main challenge A. faced was being able to teach well. His key advise to current students is to have one piece of really good written work that you present well.

C. – PhD in Philosophy, 2007

C. is currently training as a barrister and will complete her training next year. The PhD skills she highlights as important for her current role include communication, presentation and in addition her knowledge of philosophy has helped in understanding law. The main challenge she faced after graduating was the competition for barrister training, a 'pupilage'.

S. – PhD Slade School of Fine Art, 2005

Currently S. is a lecturer at the University of Westminster, a role he went straight into after graduating. He heard about this role from his contacts on the Slade course and applied for it in his final year. One of the key challenges S. faced when starting this role was working on developing course/curriculum content (modules and programmes) from scratch. Personal motivation, planning and communication are all key transferable skills that S. uses on a day to day basis. The key advice S. would give for PhD's thinking of teaching would be to develop one's contacts, stay in touch with your classmates, engage in conferences and seminars and do constructive networking.