

G. PhD Historical and Philosophical Sciences, 2009

Current role:

■ Lecturer

Previous role:

■ Research Fellow

Sector:

■ Higher Education

Prior to being a Lecturer at UCL, G. was a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Research Fellow from 2009 to 2012. G.'s career expanded upon his PhD specialisation in archaeology, material culture and memory in the Second World War. G.'s career choices have been motivated by the desire to stay within his area of academic study in a role that offered both continuity and job security at UCL. Keeping these objectives in mind, G. faced intense competition for jobs after completing his PhD.

In his current role as a Lecturer G. uses transferable skills in teaching, collaborative working, acquiring external funding and project management. G. feels that his PhD helped to develop these skills up to a point, but adds that more professional training, in areas such as grant application writing would have positively impacted his early career development. While studying, he also took part in Graduate School training activities, such as an introduction to teaching, which enabled him to gain teaching experience with UCL.

G. used a range of methods to secure employment, which included using job websites, browsing advertisements in industry- and sector-specific publications and advertised positions on company websites, and talking to personal contacts.

G. advises current PhD students entering the job market to, 'publish early [and] publish often.' He advises those considering a PhD in the arts, humanities or social sciences subjects to carefully weigh up the risks of going into debt in order to attain a PhD qualification. G. stresses the importance of taking the time to enjoy the company of your fellow students while completing your PhD to help keep your spirits up when the work load is challenging.

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