

Career Diversity Resource Guide

UIUC History Department

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Career Advising

UIUC Career Development Office

- The Career Development Office provides many resources to help you explore career pathways and search for jobs. You can [schedule one-on-one appointments](#) with counselors at the Grad College to discuss any topic related to career exploration and job market preparation.

Career Assessment Tools

ImaginePhD

- ImaginePhD is a free career exploration and planning tool designed specifically for graduate students in the humanities and social sciences. In conjunction with ImaginePhD see [“Assess Your Values, Interests, and Skills,”](#) UIUC Grad College.

Online Resources

AHA Career Resources

- The AHA provides information and resources on what historians are doing in careers like grant writing, secondary education, consulting, and the National Parks Service. The [AHA Career Contacts](#) program can connect you to historians working in specific fields.

Beyond the Professoriate

- This website offers a number of free (and some paid) resources including a [section on job searching during Covid-19](#) with free webinars. Topics include how to conduct an informational interview and building your LinkedIn profile.

Campus Contacts

HGSA put together a list of contacts on campus who hold PhDs and MAs in Humanities-related fields.

[Please see the google doc](#) for more information.

Job Search Websites

[AHA Career Center](#) – AHA posts history-related jobs including public history positions.

[Association of University Presses](#) – A good job board for finding careers in academic publishing.

[Bookjobs.com](#) – Another good site for finding careers in publishing.

[HigherEdJobs](#) - Listings for both faculty and administrative positions. If you're looking for a career in higher education, this should be your first stop.

[H-Net](#) – It is regularly used for finding tenure-track jobs, but they often post public history and secondary teaching positions as well.

[Idealist.org](#) – A search engine that focuses on careers in non-profit organizations.

[Indeed](#) – A search engine for private and public sector jobs. It combines job listings from other websites and job boards. Requires more work and digging to find what you’re looking for.

[LinkedIn](#) – Search for jobs based on your profile and network.

[National Council on Public History](#) – Excellent resource for finding jobs in museums, libraries, and non-profits.

[UIUC Handshake](#) - Handshake is a career services platform where Illinois students and postdocs can connect with employers to find job opportunities. You can also register for UIUC career fairs and special events.

[USAJobs](#) – The best place to search for federal and state government jobs.

Books

Susan Basalla and Maggie Debelius, *So What Are You Going to Do With That?: Finding Careers Outside Academia* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, revised ed., 2007).

- The History Department has copies of this book. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, email Brian Campbell at bcmpbl2@illinois.edu

Karen Kelsky, *The Professor Is In: The Essential Guide to Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job* (New York, NY: Three Rivers Press, 2015).

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