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Doctoral Student

Degree(s):

BA Classics, University of Waterloo
MA Classics, University of Waterloo

Current position:

Doctoral student in Classics, McMaster University

Crucial and useful skill(s) learned in my studies:

How to research and organize on many different topics quickly and effectively. Interpersonal communication with other scholars, how to speak about a wide range of topics with minimal prior exposure. Comedy in PowerPoint presentations from Dr. Sheila Ager.

Career advice for a younger self:

Volunteer and be involved in events in your community (whether at the department/faculty/school level) as much as possible: it opens so many personal and academic/professional opportunities to you. Get to know the people around you in your department well, both peers and professors, to build yourself a group within which you can establish yourself, make friends, and have support when it may be needed. While doing well in academics important, university is about more than that alone.

Things to know about me:

I'm a terrible procrastinator but I've never missed a deadline, except the time my house burned down around my essay notes. I'm a sucker for fun and absolutely useless trivia facts. I spent a lot of my undergrad career at Waterloo volunteering for the Faculty of Arts, and where I could in the department of Classics.