Alumni Profile

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Current Career
Organization: Niagara Workforce Planning Board (NWPB)
Title: Project Coordinator

Career Overview
The NWPB is a research-based non-profit organization. We provide research, data and analysis on labour market, economic and demographic trends to the municipalities within Niagara region. The NWPB also facilitates workforce development solutions for community organizations.

My typical day includes engaging with community members and travelling across the region to meet with our project partners and participants in order to find better ways of achieving our goals. I also run the Immigrant Mentorship Program. This program pairs internationally trained professionals with local professionals to introduce newcomers to Canadian workplace culture.

How has your King’s education helped you get where you are today?
Excellent writing skills make an excellent first impression. Having a history degree gives you the foundational skills that you need to be successful. It’s your job to package those skills to be marketable to employers.

What was one rewarding experience you had at King’s?
I worked as a circulation assistant at the Cardinal Carter Library throughout my time at King’s. It was one of my favourite jobs and such a rewarding experience. I helped people solve problems and assisted in finding research for their essays and assignments, and even faculty research projects. I loved working on campus because of the extremely supportive network. They understood that school was my priority. You don’t get that kind of support working off-campus. My cousin is now attending King’s and I told him to get a job at the library – and he did!

What advice would you give to current students?
Find a problem you see in the world and make a job for yourself out of that. Talk to people who do what you want to do. Do what you’re passionate about and you will love your job.

Further Degrees /Certificates
MA Anthropology
Trent University