



# Alumni Profile

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BA Hons '05 Political Science and Sociology

### Current Career

Organization: Western University

Title: Research and Development

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### Career Overview

I worked as a political staffer for a local MPP before being offered a Chief of Staff role at Queen's Park. I spent a decade working as both a political staffer and senior level policy advisor. I worked for several government ministries focusing on social and labour market policy and worked for the City of London. I currently work for the Dean of Science at Western University, focusing on developing industry and government partnerships.

### How did King's prepare you for your current role?

The small class size allowed me to develop relationships with a number of professors, which really helps with grad school applications. I learned a lot about relationship building and strategic thinking, which I gained further experience in while working at Queen's Park and I still use every day in my current job.

### What advice would you give a current student looking to enter your field?

Don't say "no" to the power of your first job. My first job in constituency work catapulted me into an amazing chief of staff role. You need stepping stones to get to where you're going to go. Work hard and be true to who you want to be, you will get there. Take opportunities to network with people. Interact with as many people as you can. Use those experiences to the best of your ability.