

Now What?: Finding a Job with a Graduate Degree in Classics

Getting a graduate degree is challenging, and at the end of it lies a potentially greater challenge: finding a job. In this panel we will discuss several options for career paths after getting a graduate degree in Classics and provide advice on how to get those first jobs. There will be advice on how to get that tenure track job, as well as discussions of other options such as teaching Latin and other Classical topics at the secondary and primary school levels and alternative jobs in academia.

Presenter 1 will discuss the increasing challenge of getting a tenure track job and recommend some ways to improve your resume and to give you a fighting chance in the highly competitive job market, in particular the adjunct position. With the tenure track job market itself getting ever more competitive, a stint as an adjunct professor can be an extremely helpful addition to the resume for further applications to tenure track jobs. Presenter 1 will discuss how to best approach your time as an adjunct so as to make it most beneficial to your tenure track position applications afterwards. Presenter 2 will talk about the burgeoning field of teaching Latin at both secondary and primary schools. Presenter 2 has gotten jobs at n multiple schools across multiple states and will describe the ins and outs of acquiring these jobs under various circumstances. Finally, Presenter 3 will discuss how to get into an alternative career in the academic setting. A Classics degree prepares you for far more than teaching, and there are many jobs that do not involve teaching on a college campus. Presenter 3, by means of interviews with other professionals, will give us a window into these jobs that we see every day but do not always realize are within our reach.

The job hunt process is difficult, but for those in the search or about to start it you are not on your own. Participants will be able to listen to people who have been through the process (or

are currently undergoing it!) and have come out the other side of it successful. Afterwards in a Question and Answer session, participants will engage with the presenters and share their own thoughts on the topic in order to tackle the issue with us head on.