

**Degree studied:** MA Hons History

**Year of graduation:** 2008

**Job title:** Detective Constable for the largest Police Service in the UK

**Please can you describe your role?**

Serious and Complex Investigations.

**What experiences do you think have proved beneficial to your career journey?**

Doing a wide range of work and being able to articulate the value of transferable skills.

**What impact did the 2008 financial crash have on your career path?**

I went to London with the intention of joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The 2008 crash meant that all recruitment was frozen.

**What advice would you give to students thinking about employment in your field?**

Flexibility. Don't expect to work in the same role for 40 years. Get the value you can in any role to get the role you want.

**Is there any other advice you would like to give to current students moving from university to working life?**

Concentrate on making sure you know what you are doing in the role you have. Not the role you want. If you are passionate about the role you eventually want then that will take care of itself.