

GRADUATE PROFILE:



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HISTORY

WHAT SUBJECTS DID YOU STUDY PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN DURHAM?

I studied History, English Literature, Drama, Biology, Geography and Maths A Level before I came to Durham

WHAT WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF STUDYING AT DURHAM?

University is where I met my friends for life, lived away from home for the first time and lived opposite the most beautiful building in the world; Durham Cathedral. My academic highlights include the Durham Cathedral module in my first year which gave me a real insight into the history on my doorstep and the opportunity to study British social history, which has been highly relevant to my current sociological research.

WHAT WAS THE TOPIC OF YOUR DISSERTATION?

Memorialising, Commemorating and Remembering Genocide: the Holocaust and Rwanda, supervised by Prof. Jo Fox and Dr Cherry Leonardi.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW AND HOW DID YOUR DEGREE HELP PREPARE YOU?

I now work in education policy and am completing my PhD funded through the ESRC on the topic 'widening participation to higher education'. Despite having moved disciplines since my undergraduate degree, my History degree helped build a foundation of transferable skills, including the ability to read analytically and write a coherent, well structured argument.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS TO HISTORY AT DURHAM?

Read a lot of whatever period or area of history you're interested in - demonstrating your love of the subject will stand you in excellent stead for completing your degree. Contact your local university library if you need to access books!