

Careers Pursued by Humanities Majors

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Honors Hall, Room 17

Are you thinking about majoring in English, comparative literature or philosophy but wondering what sort of career you might pursue after college? If so, you will want to listen to successful Queens College alumni talk about their careers as college professors, lawyers, and administrators. Contrary to the common misperception among undergrads, humanities majors not only find fulfilling jobs but also achieve salaries comparable to those majoring in the sciences.



Lissi Athanasiou-Krikelis is an associate professor of humanities and director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program at New York Institute of Technology, where she teaches courses in literature and academic writing. Krikelis has received a BA from Queens College, double majoring in linguistics and comparative literature, a master's from Teacher's College Columbia University in Teaching English to International Students (TESOL), and a PhD from the Graduate Center, CUNY, also in comparative literature. Her research focuses on postmodern metafiction, and her articles have appeared in various peer-reviewed journals. Currently, she is working on *The Routledge Companion to Metafiction*, co-edited with Dr. Josh Toth and scheduled for publication in 2026.



Rob Rosengarten is vice president and assistant general counsel at Solomon Partners, a New York-based investment bank, where he is also a member of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Council. Previously, he was an associate at Milbank, an international law firm, where he represented private equity firms, hedge funds, pensions, and other clients on various mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions. In his career as an attorney, Rob has also spent significant time advising pro bono clients, including the Environmental Defense Fund, an appellant convicted of murder as a teenager, and a transgender individual seeking a new legal identity. Rob received a JD from New York University School of Law in 2017 and a BA in English from Queens College, CUNY in 2014.



Rogen Harripersad has a BA in comparative literature and philosophy and was a Transfer Honors Program student. The first in his family to attend college, he won the Walsh Memorial Prize in Honors in the Humanities for 2018. His undergraduate studies included course work at the CUNY Graduate Center in Comp Lit, an independent study in medieval philosophy, and a senior thesis on the works of Marie de France. He worked for several years in Human Resources at Queens College while pursuing an MA in Urban Studies. After serving as a project manager for CUNY Career Launch, he then went on to work in human resources and academic affairs at Columbia University. He is currently a human resources specialist at Kingsborough Community College.

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