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Mentor Program Manual
Alumni Edition





Introduction

Thank you for participating in the **2015-2016 Jackson School Mentor Program**! This program was initiated in 2011, inspired by requests from Jackson School alumni volunteering to reach out and offer their advice and expertise to current undergraduate JSIS students who are looking for guidance in career, grad school and life after graduation.

This mentor program will take place from autumn 2015 to spring 2016, with one or two students being matched to each mentor. Students will be asked to contact their mentors by November 20th and arrange to meet or communicate with their mentors at least once per quarter thereafter. At the end of the program we will hold a reception for all the Mentor Program participants to meet and share their stories and experiences.

The Benefits of Being a Mentor

Mentoring a Jackson School student is rewarding for alumni on many levels. Interacting with students prompts mentors to reflect on their own careers and to take stock. As you summarize your years of experience, you may come to realize and value just how much you've learned and how much you have to offer. We hope our mentors are also re-invigorated as they experience the passion, energy and fresh perspective of our students.

How does the matching process work?

After receiving the Mentor Profiles in the Student Handbook, students must submit their top 5 mentor preferences to us here at the Careers & Professional Development office, including the names of the mentors and a brief explanation of why they have selected each mentor. Then, we will make mentor-mentee matches taking into account the requests and preferences of both the students and the alumni. Typically each mentor will have one or two student mentees, although some do request to have only one. Please understand that it is not possible for every student to be matched with his or her first choice, but we will do our best to arrange matches that are satisfactory to both our students and our alumni. Although we try our best to make sure every student and every mentor has at least one pairing, please note there are rare occasions when we are not able to find a match outside of their interest areas. Please understand this is nothing personal! Our pairings in a given year depend greatly on what kind of students apply to participate and what their areas of interest are. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to help our students no matter what the match!



Mentor Program Timeline

Oct 7, 12, 21	Student Info Sessions
Nov 2	Students Submit their top mentor choices
Nov 13	You will receive your mentor match
Nov 20	Deadline for students to contact their mentors
Mid-April	Mentor & Mentee Capstone Reception

Mentoring Guidelines

- **In the first e-mail exchange** (students should contact you by November 20th), please clarify expectations for the method and frequency with which you will be contacting each other. Please try to arrange the first meeting (or Skype appointment or phone call) sometime before the end of the year.
- **At the first meeting**, the mentee and mentor should primarily introduce themselves and get to know each other. Find out what the student's goals are and how you can best help them. We will send a list of example questions that was given to mentees as suggestions for the first meeting.
- **At the second meeting**, taking what you know about the student's goals and interests, give students tasks, information about career pathways, or suggestions for internships or jobs. Do your best to answer any questions the students may have, or direct them to a helpful source.

Why is professionalism important?

Student mentees have been told that they are expected to keep communication with mentors professional for the entire duration of the program. That means they will address mentors by Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. and communicate in a formal manner. Professionalism in the workplace, especially for recent college graduates, is extremely important, but often undervalued by recent graduates who are accustomed to more informal communication. Using standards of professional communication during the length of the Mentor Program will be good practice for students' future careers. As mentors, please feel free to help students if they have any questions about what is appropriate in professional/ workplace communication.

Jackson School students are 72% more likely to pursue a career in their mentor's field after participating in the program.





Communication Issues

- If the student does not contact you by November 20th, please notify John Charlton at jcharltn@u.washington.edu. We want to make sure that your time is respected.
- Students should be communicating with you in a professional manner. If you have any concerns regarding professionalism, please contact John Charlton via the address above.

Mentoring Tips

- Guide your mentee, but also encourage them to think for themselves. There's no need to provide them with all the answers; sometimes it's better to ask them to think of a solution or to just give them a push in the right direction.
- Go into the conversation with some ideas of what you'd like to discuss, but don't be afraid to go off course. This is a developmental experience, and we don't want anyone to feel too constrained.
- Establish clear communication channels and timeline for interaction. For example, let your mentee know if you usually need several days to reply to an e-mail.
- Be clear about your areas of expertise and competency, and how much weight the mentee should give to your advice within and outside of these areas.
- Work with your mentee to help establish what he or she expects from the Mentor Program.
- If you do meet in person, meet in a casual environment such as a coffee shop or restaurant so you can converse easily.

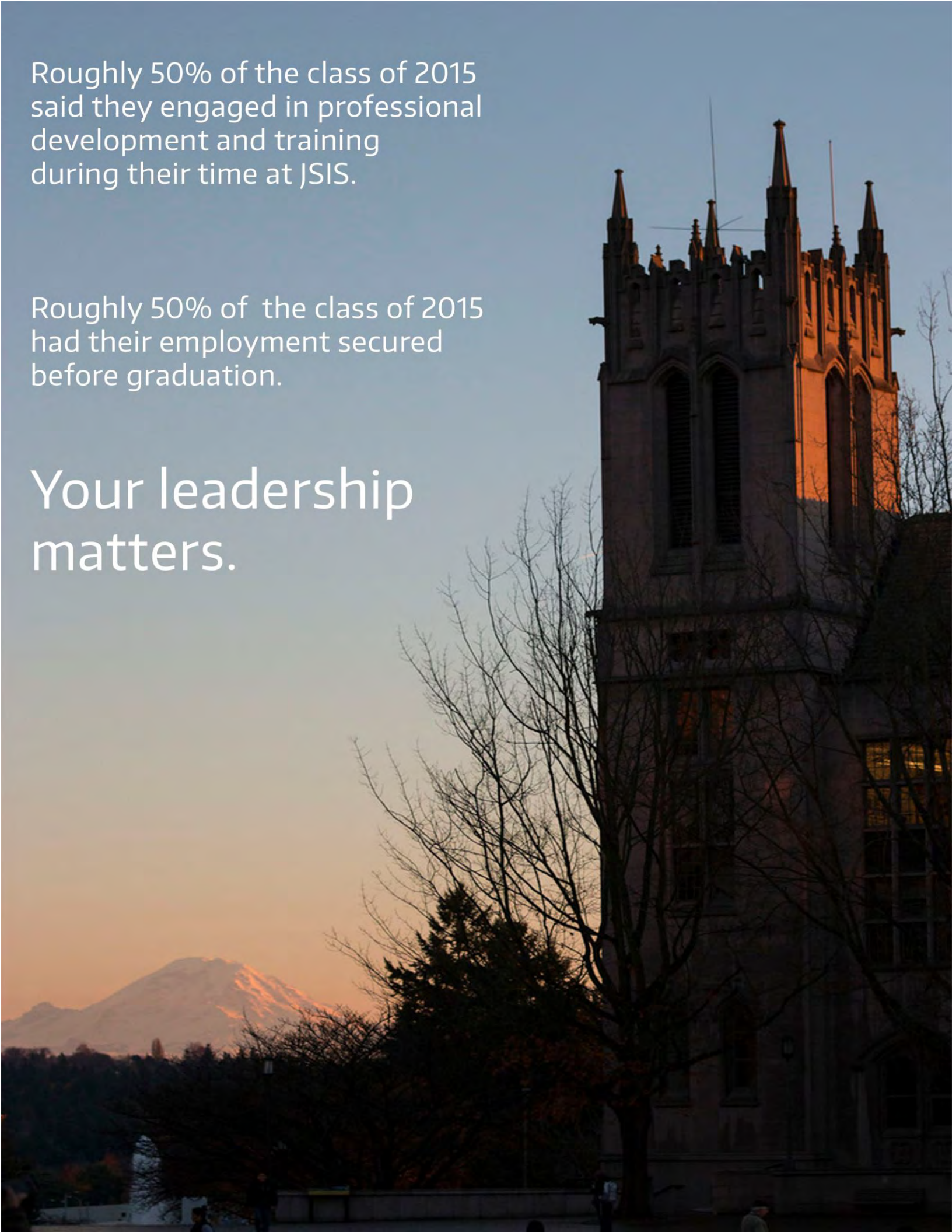
Additional Resources

- Here are some websites with additional mentoring tips. Although not all of this information is relevant to the JSIS Mentor Program, you may find some of the suggestions useful.
 - [BYU Marriott School](#)
 - [American Corporate Partners](#)
- We have also sent you a document of sample questions for mentors. These questions were provided to students as suggestions for what to ask mentors at the first meeting, but you might also find it helpful to have this document as a reference.

Roughly 50% of the class of 2015
said they engaged in professional
development and training
during their time at JSIS.

Roughly 50% of the class of 2015
had their employment secured
before graduation.

Your leadership
matters.





Mentor Profiles

(Organized alphabetically by last name)

1. Mr. Erik Anderson, BA (1993) International Studies - Russia

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am currently an in-house corporate counsel with a Fortune 100 global insurance company. While my present duties are not particularly international in nature, I have prior experience in international trade, transportation, and admiralty/maritime law.

Past employment info

Senior Associate, Bullivant Houser Bailey, Associate Attorney, Madden Poliak MacDougall & Williamson;

Export Specialist, General International Freight Forwarders, Inc.

Preferred communications method & time

In-person (Mornings, Afternoons); Email, Phone

2. Mrs. Shannon Ansbaugh, BA (1995) Latin America

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

My current job is as a Business Analyst at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – I'm working on a budgeting and forecasting project to support the foundation.

Past employment info

I have almost 17 years' experience at Microsoft with various roles from Supply Chain operations, International Trade, Solution Management, Working on multiple business areas such as Xbox, gaming, royalties, export compliance, and product launch.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I am interested in International travel, and have done volunteer work with the Children's Hospital (fundraising guild). Email is the best way to reach me.

3. Mr. Peter Arendt, BA (2007) Foreign Policy, Peace and Security, Area Studies

Location: Lacey, WA

Current employer info

US Army - 1st Special Forces Group at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, WA.

Past employment info

I have served as a military advisor leading a 12-man team representing US and Coalition interests in combat zones and training locations around the world.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

My main focus of study was in sub-Saharan Africa, Foreign Policy, diplomacy, and security. I would be best suited to JSIS students involved with the ROTC program as well as JSIS students in the Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Peace & Security track. I'm available in evenings, either in-person or via skype.

4. Mr. Steve Bell, BA (1992) International Studies, Russia

Location: Mountain View, CA

Current employer info

Currently working at Google.

Past employment info

I've worked at Microsoft, Amazon and Google. Throughout my 20 years in high-tech I've managed accounts based in South Korea, China, Japan and the US. I've held a variety of roles from content manger/operations manager for multiple app stores/digital properties to technical global account management. I also was a stakeholder at multiple companies to determine strategies for global on-line content requirements and how to improve the company's international relations through multiple programs/policies. I'm also a retired Navy Commander (O-5) and was able to successfully employ my diplomatic skills to drive strategies to help reduce conflict while I was deployed to Iraq.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm more available on weekends than evenings as, at times, I can have an unpredictable work schedule. I do visit Seattle about four times a year and could possible mentor in person on one or more of those visits. Skype can be a good way to reach me.

5. Mr. David Berger, BA (1989) International Studies, Foreign Policy & Diplomacy

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

Currently practicing as an attorney at law. I have a solo civil practice, primarily transactional, and act as a counsel across a wide range of legal matters.

Past employment info

Before taking going into law, I had a variety of experiences; manager at an international non-profit, development lead for public radio, programs and operations manager, a systems analyst, and more.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I can offer particularly relevant information for those in the Jackson School interested in law school, a career in law, graduate school, and tax law. I'm available best by email.

6. Mr. John Blatchford, MAIS (1983) East Asian Studies, Korea

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

Harborview Hospital mental health and addictions services.

Past employment info

Too long to list here! As I mentioned I'm currently a Mental Health Practitioner, and have held this job for about 13 years at current location. See below for more information.



Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

1983-84 Seattle branch office of the Korean Trade-Investment Promotion Agency; 1985-6 graduate school again (MSW), 1987-2000 Asian Counseling and Referral Service; 2000-present Harborview Mental Health Services. I'm available in by email mornings and afternoons.

7. Mr. Gordon Bluechel, BA (1986) International Studies - China

Location: Redmond, WA

Current employer info

Director of Operations for Access Laser, joining in April 2015. I am responsible for all operational areas of the company including production, supply chain, IT, and human resources.

Past employment info

In 2014-2015, I was a partner at Executive TimeSlice, a consulting firm providing executive level services in the areas of operations, sales, and support. Was with Data I/O in Redmond from 1992-2014, the last seven years as the VP of Operations and Administration, responsible for worldwide production, supply chain, order administration, and service/support.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

My background for the last 22 years has been business, mostly international. I have extensive experience all around the globe including a yearlong assignment in Germany and significant amounts of time spent in Europe overall, Mexico and Asia, especially China. I have only traveled to Brazil once, but done a significant amount of business there. I am a fanatical skier. Among the books I like are alternative history (SM Stirling and Harry Turtledove), Tom Kelley's books on innovation, and Bob Sutton's books on business culture. I have very much enjoyed getting to know the students I've met through the program. Even though the program years have ended, I am still see some of them regularly. I'm available in person, by email, by phone, Mornings, Afternoons, Evenings, Weekends.

8. Mr. Andrew Boike, BA (2003) National Security, Foreign Policy, International Political Economy

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am currently involved with analytical and communications support to the VP of Boeing Flight Test Operations.

Past employment info

13 years of post-graduate work experience in the Aerospace/Defense, Non-Profit, Political Organizing and Education sectors.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In person, Email, Phone, Evenings, Weekends.

9. Mr. Eric Bonham, MAIS (2013) Korea Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer Info

University of Washington, International & English Language Programs.

Past Employment Info

International Program Coordinator for University of Washington International & English Language Programs. I work with international clients to create custom short term English Programs that also include a specific focus (e.g. environmental studies, Faculty development etc.). I manage the budget, arrange field trips and events and all other aspects of the program.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In person, Email, Afternoons, Evenings, Weekends – lunchtime is probably best for me.

10. Ms. Sarah Boone, BA (2013) Global Studies & Middle East

Location: Wellington, New Zealand

Current employer Info

The Ministry for the Environment, Government of New Zealand.

Past Employment Info

Policy Analyst (current), Freelance consultant (Global Water Intelligence etc.), Graduate student (University of Oxford). While I am only a recent graduate myself, I'd love to help other JSIS students as they look for their next opportunities & career steps. Having just gone through that process myself, it would be fun to share those experiences!

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email, Skype, Weekends

11. Mr. Jeff Bowan, MAIS (2005) Eastern Europe

Location: Washington, D.C.

Current employer Info

The U.S. Department of State.

Past Employment Info

I have been a Foreign Service Office since 2006, currently based in Washington DC.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

The best way to reach me is by email – my areas of expertise are Development, Ethnicity and Nationalities, Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Peace and Security, International Human Rights, International Political Economy, and Area Studies.

12. Mr. David Buerge, BA (2000) Japan Studies

Location: Hong Kong S.A.R., China

Current employer info

I currently am a member of BlackRock Alternative Advisors (“BAA”), which is the hedge fund solutions division of BlackRock, Inc., the largest asset manager in the world. BAA is actually a Seattle based business, which I joined in 2006. I am currently transferring to our hedge fund research team and moving from Tokyo, where I have lived for the last five years, to Hong Kong. In my new role I will oversee BAA’s entire Asia Pacific business, with responsibility for identifying, performing due diligence on and selecting hedge fund managers for investment. In addition, I will continue to work with our institutional investors in the region including sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, banks, pension funds, endowments and family offices.

Past employment info

Prior to joining BlackRock I worked for four years at Kerry Group plc dba Da Vinci Gourmet, Ltd., a food manufacturer based in Seattle. I oversaw the firm’s Asia Pacific business, during which time I established a representative office in Tokyo. After graduating from the University of Washington in 2000 with a double degree in Japan Studies and Economics, I worked for six months at the Department of Commerce (“DoC”), US Export Assistance Center in Seattle, supporting the office and providing initial export consulting services. It was through my experience at the DoC that I found the opportunity at Da Vinci Gourmet, Ltd. and I found the role at DoC through the Jackson School Career Services office.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In person, email, phone, afternoons, evenings. I am based in Hong Kong but travel to Seattle several times each year so can meet in person at those times.

13. Mr. Eric Carnell, BA (1992) International Studies—Western Europe, NATO; JD (1997)

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am currently working as a general counsel and corporate development executive for Farmer’s Business Network, inc.

Past employment info

Previously, I was a CLO and VP Corporate Development for VoloAgri Group Inc., a Kleiner Perkins backed ag-tech company making investments in the global vegetable seed industry. I was also an attorney practicing as General Counsel for a venture-capital backed global supply chain automotive company, a publicly traded multi-national digital music company, and an attorney-at-large at West Coast law firms (Orrick, Cooley). I had freight -forwarding experience prior to law school.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In person, email, phone, evenings, weekends

14. Ms. Lisa Christoffersen, MAIS, JD (1998) Japan Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am currently an immigration attorney at Christoffersen Law P.S. I specialize in employment-based and family-based US immigration law, with a particular interest in high tech and biotech companies, start-ups, L visas and E treaty trader/investor visas, PERM, researchers, and artists.

Past employment info

I was previously with Cowan Miller and Lederman, working in corporate and family immigration law. Clients ranged from startups to established Fortune 500 companies.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I am a corporate immigration lawyer, so I could best assist students who are considering law school or have an interest in global migration. I'm available in by email, usually in the morning.

15. Ms. Kailani Cordell, BA (2002) Japan Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am the Director of Operations and Human Resources at The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR).

NBR is a non-profit research think tank that conducts advanced independent research on strategic, political, economic, globalization, health, and energy issues affecting US relations with Asia. As the Operations and Human Resources Director, I manage NBR's internship and fellowship programs, the human resources (hiring, professional development, etc.) for our Seattle and Washington, DC offices, and I support the COO in the operations of NBR.

Past employment info

Director Operations and Human Resources; NBR; operations, human resources, and programmatic experience in the non-profit/think tank sector.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In 2002, I graduated from the Jackson school where I focused on Japan studies. After working for several years in various capacities at NBR, I decided to pursue a Masters in Public Administration at Seattle University. I continued working full-time while going through the evening degree program. I can offer guidance to students who are interested in the Asia studies field, human resources, and operations. I'm available in-person, by email, and by phone.

16. Mr. Troy DeFrank, MAIS (2006) Japan Studies, International Political Economy

Location: Seattle, WA.

Current employer info

I currently work at the Consulate General of Canada in Seattle.

Past employment info

My past work history included a variety of positions focusing on foreign trade & investment promotion, cross-border commercial partnerships, and diplomatic activities. Employers included the Canadian Consulate in Seattle, the WA State Dept of Commerce, and an internship with the Japan External Trade Organization.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available by email, usually in mornings or afternoons.

17. Mr. Jeremiah Dost, MAIS (2012) Korea Studies

Location: Redmond, WA

Current employer info

String Content Manager for Bungie, Inc.

Past employment info

Prior to being at Bungie I was a localization analyst at NCSOFT. I have a less traditional route considering my degree, but if students are interested in learning about how to leverage their skills to get into non-government, non-academic, non-NGO type positions, I can help.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available to meet in person or by email, usually afternoons or weekends.

18. Ms. Marianne Drain, BA (1996) International Studies/ Russia

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Current employer info

U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Mission to the European Union

Past employment info

Foreign Service Officer - trade/export promotion - previously posted in Budapest, Chicago, and New Delhi. My expertise lies in foreign policy and diplomacy, and I have worked in the Russian Far East, in India, in Eastern Europe, and in the European Union.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available by email or phone usually during the morning.

19. Ms. Leslie Edwards, BA (2012) International & Environmental Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I currently work as a Regional Field Organizer (Snohomish county) at Planned Parenthood Votes NW, which promotes reproductive health, rights and justice through voter education, lobbying, candidate endorsement, regulatory advocacy, electoral activities and other means. I support the state and local public affairs team in implementing advocacy, voter engagement and mobilization programs; recruit, train and manage volunteers; represent PPVNW within local progressive coalitions and at community events; engage local elected officials on our policy issues; coordinate grassroots events and public education activities; and engage campus groups in local and state activism.

Past employment info

I completed a Campaign and Communications internship at Washington Conservation Voters, where I conducted research on local policy and elected officials, recruited volunteers, participated in local outreach efforts, and created original social media and website content. I previously completed a production administration internship with Seattle Opera, where I facilitated volunteer coordination and training, youth education programs, and community outreach. I also work as a freelance musician and music teacher and am an active volunteer with a number of local non-profits.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I completed an Honors thesis entitled "Neo-Fundamentalism and Climate Change: The Southern Baptist Convention's Influence on U.S. Climate Change Policy." I completed a study abroad program in Brussels, Belgium, during which I completed an EU Studies certificate, and also hold a Bachelor of Music in Orchestral Performance from the UW School of Music. Available: In person, Email, Phone, Mornings, Afternoons, Evenings, Weekends.

20. Ms. Marianne Fisher, BA (2012) Middle East Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

Department of Energy

Past employment info

I was previously a post-Master's Research Associate at Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, Nuclear Security/Safeguards. My areas of expertise include Environmental Studies, Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Peace and Security.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email is the best way to get hold of me, but I can also meet in person. Mornings and evenings are my availability windows.

21. Mr. John Fogarty, BA (2009) Asia Studies (China Studies, Foreign Policy)

Location: Washington, DC

Current employer info

I currently work as an analyst at the office of Senator Maria Cantwell.

Past employment info

I've also worked for the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, the Office of Senator Patty Murray, the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, the Johns Hopkins & Northwestern University Civic Leadership Institute, and North Star Aerospace.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In person, email, mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends.

22. Mr. Nikolas Granger, MAIS (2011)

Location: Washington, D.C.

Current employer info

Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State

Past employment info

I've been a Foreign Service Officer since 2002, recently completed 2-year posting in DC covering Pakistan and about to start Arabic language training in preparation for posting to Jordan. Previous overseas postings in Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Saudi Arabia, and a tour at the U.S. Mission to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available by email or Skype on either mornings, evenings or weekends.

23. Ms. Maria Guo, BA (2012) International Studies

Location: New York, NY

Current employer info

ISDE North America, Inc.

Past employment info

Columbia Law School (Program Assistant), Columbia University Center for Career Education (Grad Assistant)

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I was one of the original founders of our Jackson School Mentor Program. It will be a privilege to be a mentor this year! I can best assist you if you want to learn more about the legal and/or education field. In my spare time, other than being an avid Yelper, I enjoy hiking and anything that is nature-related. Availability: In person, Email, Skype, Evenings, Weekends.

24. Mr. Dave Harbath, BA (1987) International Studies, China Studies

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Current employer info

Independent Executive Coach and Mentor with Motiva International Training and Coaching

Past employment info

25 plus years of leadership experience in the High Tech and Supply Chain industry. I've spent the last 20 years in Istanbul leading Emerging Market teams for both Expeditors International and Cisco Systems. Most recently worked as a Sr. Manager in Cisco leading the Global Services Third Party Logistics Function. Further details available under my LinkedIn profile.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email, Skype, Mornings

25. Ms. Heather Harms, BA (2005) Foreign Policy & Diplomacy, South Asia

Location: Washington, D.C.

Current employer info

U.S. Department of State.

Past employment info

I work as a Foreign Affairs Officer (civil service, not foreign service) at the State Department. I work on program design and management for justice sector programs abroad. My region is currently North Africa, but I have also worked on South Asia. I am attorney, and also have experience at State in climate, energy, and environment.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I had two small children when I was a Jackson School student (ages 5 and 7 when I graduated). For students who are also parents, I could provide relevant advice. My family responsibilities dramatically impacted my career options, but I have been able to access the work I wanted through persistence, networking, and learning to navigate the system.

26. Mr. Bryn Heimbeck, BA (1984) Economic Development/ Latin America

Location: Issaquah, WA

Current employer info

President and founder of Trade Tech, Inc.

Past employment info

Trade Tech is a Cloud-based software for International Logistics. I founded Trade Tech 18 years ago at the infancy of the Internet after working for 15 years in the International Logistics industry. Trade Tech has offices around the world. I've worked and lived in Japan, Hong Kong, and France.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I am particularly interested in supporting students who would like guidance on how to translate the intense liberal arts work that they are engaged in at JSIS into a meaningful and successful career in international business.

27. Mr. Frederick Heimberger, BA (1988) International Studies, China

Location: Bellevue, WA

Current employer info

Self-employed business owner.

Past employment info

I have worked in China in various industries; Senior Financial Analyst for SSA Marine in Seattle, VP of Marketing for US China Medical manufacturing. I currently own and operate an Asian Retail operation in Bellevue.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I have broad background in Business operations as I have a Masters in Finance with a post degree in Accounting. The best way to meet for me is in person or via phone during mornings or afternoons.

28. Ms. Anne Hilton, MAIS (2008) Korea Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

Assistant Director for Digital Strategy (Education & Leadership) at the Asia Society.

Past employment info

I have also worked as a Communications Manager for the League of Education Voters (external and internal communications); as a communications manager for the UW Dept. of Human Centered Design & Engineering, and as an outreach coordinator for the Jackson School (K-16 professional development for educators)

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I could be of help to students who are interested in how international studies meets communications or in nonprofit/NGO communications. I am available in person, or via Email/ Phone during afternoons, evenings, and weekends.

29. Mr. Andrew Hughes, BA (2005) Human Rights, Law, Society, & States

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

Transitioned back to the practice of law as a solo practitioner after my run for congress. I have been a member of the State Bar of Washington since 2010.

Past employment info

In 2011 I ran for United States Congress, placing third out of seven candidates in the top-two primary election for Washington State. I received my LLM in Taxation from the UW Law School, graduating in spring 2011. I have experience as an attorney at a private practice as a public defender and doing policy work at Washington State Senate Committee Services. I also invest/ own/ manage real estate.

Andrew Hughes (Continued)

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I also have an MSc in Theory and History of International Relations from London School of Economics, a JD from Seattle University School of Law, and an LLM in Taxation from UW Law School. My wife and I are lifetime, die-hard UW Husky supporters and fans. For both of us, the University of Washington was not just four years of our life, but is forever a focus of our life, time, energy, and support. Availability: In person, Email, Mornings, afternoons.

30. Mr. Dwight Hutchinson, BA (1985) Eastern Europe & the USSR

Location: Snoqualmie, WA

Current employer info: Washington State Ferries

Past employment info: Guest Programs Manager at Cruise West (Small vessel educational ecotourism), Onsite Training Manager at The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Nationwide tech deployment and training program manager), WA State Ferries, various terminal management and project positions.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times: I've done this program before and frankly, the older I get the less I think I know. What I do know is career success is partly about responsibility and compensation, partly aligning with one's values, partly being challenged and valued, and partly feeling like you have something to contribute. One must build a life and of course career is a big part, but not all. I don't know if I have many of the answers, but I'm pretty familiar with the questions. I'm available by email or phone, usually in the evenings.

31. Mr. Michael Jacobson, MAIS & MA in Marine Affairs (1994)

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info:

Currently work on strategic planning and performance management for King County

Past employment info:

Previously worked for the Wash. Community Trade and Economic Development dept. and established a non-profit Pacific Rim Enterprise Center to work on environmental technologies. Also worked as a program evaluation consultant to Packard Foundation. Previous experiences focused on Puget Sound and other environmental issues.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Although I am not currently doing international work, I have worked in local and state government, as a consultant, and created a nonprofit organization. I have been in Seattle for many years and frequently meet with students and other job seekers for career advice. I'm available in person, by email, Skype, or Phone.

32. Mrs. Jessica Jarcev, BA (2008) European Studies, Balkans & Russia

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Current employer info

I am a political officer in the U.S. Foreign Service with the State Department.

Past employment info

From 2012-2014, I served as the human rights officer at the U.S. Embassy in Astana, Kazakhstan where I worked closely with many international and local NGOs, local government officials, and religious leaders on human rights and internal political issues. Before joining the Foreign Service, I worked in Skopje, Macedonia as an elementary school teacher during the school year. During the summers I worked on a peace and reconciliation project in Croatia.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email, Skype, Phone, Mornings, Evenings, Weekends

33. Mr. Tony Jassen, BA (2000) Jewish Studies, Israel & the Middle East

Location: Haifa, Israel

Current employer info: Maale School of Film and Television.

Past employment info: Drill Instructor, Israel Defense Forces, Combat Engineer Corps. Active IDF reservist. Jewish Agency for Israel, Education Department, Videoconference coordinator. Maale School of Film, Head of Video Editing Department. Teacher of cinema/editing, various Israeli high schools. Dira 18 Productions (an independent film production company), self-employed.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Aside from my BA from the Jackson School, I have a Practical Engineering Degree in Film and TV Production from Hadassah College and an MFA in Scriptwriting from Tel Aviv University. Email, phone or skype is the best way to reach me, usually in the evenings.

34. Mr. Wayne Jehlik, BA (2001) International Studies - REECAS

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

President, Center for Czech Education and Culture, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in Seattle. Information Specialist, University of Washington.

Past employment info

Communications Coordinator, Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation, 2002-2004. President and Founder, Center for Czech Education and Culture, 2005-present: Web Information Specialist, University of Washington, 2007-present: Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, 2013-present.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email is the best way to reach me.

35. Dr. John Labadie, MA (1973) Asian Studies (China)

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I work as a self-employed consultant in emergency management and environmental management. I am currently teaching an on-line course in climate change adaptation through the UW Professional and Continuing Education program. I have also authored two documents on flood management and climate change for the World Meteorological Organization.

Past employment info

I worked as a strategic advisor for Seattle public utilities for 13 years, and before that was the Director of Emergency Management for the city of Salem, Oregon.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In person, Email, Phone, Skype, Mornings, Afternoons

36. Mr. Sam Lederer, MAIS (2010) Japan Studies

Location: Durham, NC

Current employer info

I'm an MBA candidate at Duke University. s

Past employment info

Prior to going back to school, I was the Director of Government Relations and Policy Analysis for the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan. I've also participated in the Japanese government JET program, and have spent time living and working in Japan.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'd be a good fit for students with an interest in Environmental Studies, Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Peace and Security, International Political Economy, Area Studies. I'm available primarily by email.

37. Mr. Darren Levin, BA (2012) International Studies, Energy & Environmental Policy

Location: New York, NY

Current employer info:

Currently I am a law student at Brooklyn law school. I am happy to speak with current students interested in learning more about opportunities in Washington, DC with think tanks, nonprofits or private companies during summers or after graduation, as well as current students interested in pursuing law school.

Past employment info: Paralegal at a law firm in Washington, DC and analyst at an energy efficiency consulting firm in Washington, DC

Preferred Communication Methods and times: Email, Phone, Evenings, Weekends

38. Ms. Sarah McPhee, MAIS (2015) Russia/ Nuclear Non-Proliferation/ Energy Security

Location: Washington, DC

Current employer info

I am a graduate fellow with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, currently attached to the National Nuclear Security Administration office of policy with the State Department.

Past employment info

As a recent JSIS graduate I'd be happy to work with anyone who has an interest in nuclear issues and/or global security. I am a recruiter for my program (the National Nuclear Security Administration Graduate Fellowship program) for next year, I would be happy to talk to anyone about it. The deadline for next year's NGFP program is 10/19.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available by email or skype, usually on weekends.

39. Ms. Camille McDorman, BA (2009) International Studies – Law, Societies, and Justice

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

2nd year JD candidate at the UW School of Law (Class of 2017). Gates Public Service Law Scholar.

Past employment info

I was the Education in Emergencies Program Manager for Save the Children in Myanmar from 2013 to 2014, working with Internally Displaced Persons in the wake of religious/communal violence. I was the Senior Program Manager of scholarship programs for Thabyay Education Network in Myanmar from 2011 to 2013. Prior to that I spent 6 months with International Justice Mission in Washington DC from 2010 to 2011 researching the prevalence of commercial sexual exploitation (human trafficking) in Southeast Asia. From 2009 to 2010 I coordinated and facilitated training for refugee leaders in Burmese refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I have experience with living and working in Southeast Asia and can speak Burmese. I also have experience applying to law schools and would be happy to pass down the advice I received that comes with deciding to pursue a JD. I'm available in person, or by email/ phone during evenings and weekends.

40. Ms. Kelsey Miller, BA (2012) International Studies

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am a business development manager for the CleanTech Alliance. The CleanTech Alliance is the largest state cleantech trade association in the nation, representing over 300 businesses and organizations to advance the growth of cleantech companies, jobs, products and services in Washington State.

Past employment info

Previously, as program Coordinator for the CleanTech Alliance I worked daily with our President & CEO to develop communications and membership growth strategies. I also worked very closely with our Events Manager to solicit sponsorships, coordinate with vendors and attract high-profile speakers.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Currently, my focus in the organization is to build strong relationships with our members, increase the value of their membership and attract new members to invest in the CleanTech Alliance. I'm available in person, by email, skype, or phone.

41. Mr. Evan Morrissey, BA (2004) China

Location: Beijing, China

Current employer info

I am currently working as a Foreign Service Officer in Beijing, China. This is my second assignment after graduating with my MA from Georgetown University in Security Studies and serving in Mumbai, India. I was a Pickering Fellow.

Past employment info

I worked at the United Nations Association in New York as a Program Manager and at the National Bureau of Asian Research in Seattle as a Research Associate. I have also interned at Global Options and the National Center for Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I am interested in Husky and Seahawk football, fly fishing, and hiking. Email is the best way to reach me.

42. Miss Christina Oh, BA (2008) Global Health (Development, Communications)

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Current Employer Info: The Walt Disney Company

Past Employment Info: Legislative Deputy for LA Council President, Research Director for Garcetti for Mayor Campaign; Executive Officer for LA Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times: I'm available by email, skype, or phone, usually during evenings or weekends.

43. Mr. Nicolas Persons, MAIS (2013) Middle East Studies

Location: Gaziantep, Turkey

Current employer info

Adam Smith International

Past employment info

I have worked as the Middle East Program Assistant at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington DC, providing support to the Middle East/North Africa team for the awarding and managing of grants to NGOs in the region. Prior to NED, I worked in journalism, writing for the business and religion sections of the Grand Rapid Press. I was also a freelance reporter for the Midland Daily News.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I would prefer to be paired with someone interested in working on the Middle East. I'm available by email and skype during evenings and weekends.

44. Mr. Timothy Quijano, BA (2010) China Studies

Location: Singapore

Current employer info

Autogrid analytics/ MBA student

Past employment info

Product Management at smart grid startup in SF, Marketing at a consulting firm in China, Research at an environmental NGO in China, PR at cleantech firms in SF Bay area.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm accessible in person, by email, skype, or phone. Evenings are usually the best time to reach me.

45. Mr. Jared Sarkis, BA (2013) Middle Eastern Studies

Location: Washington, DC

Current employer info

AAJV - State Department Security Contractor. I'm also a full-time graduate student at American University in International Studies.

Past employment info

Security Assistant - Analyze and verify components of federal security clearances to allow passage of mission critical personnel, DOS and other federal agencies, to overseas postings and Embassies. Ensure proper requirements are met to allow individuals access to international Department facilities containing national security information, reducing intelligence threats within the State Department. U.S. Army: 8 years supervising Infantry and Reconnaissance units, with three deployments to Iraq. Extensive experience in combat operations, allowing an understanding of real world implications of our current National Security and Diplomacy efforts.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email, Skype, Phone, Evenings, Weekends

46. Ms. Erika Shinpaugh, BA (2002) European Studies (International Communications)

Location: Redmond, WA

Current employer info

Demco Law Firm, P.S.

Past employment info

I have a background in real estate law, with previous experience at my own practice and through the U.S. court system.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm best available to meet in person, usually during evenings.

47. Mr. Nathan Snyder, BA (2010) Development, Economics, China

Location: Boston, MA

Current employer info

Credit Lyonnaise Securities Asia (CLSA)

Past employment info

I did a Fulbright research grant in China after graduation. Then began working in Hong Kong in finance as an equity research analyst. I now do the same job in Boston with a focus on Chinese internet.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm best available to meet by email or phone, mornings, afternoons, or evenings.

48. Mr. Martin Su, BA (2012) Environmental Studies

Location: Taipei, Taiwan

Current employer info

TCA, Taiwan Composting Association

Past employment info

I have a background in Sales and Customer Service, CleanScapes, customer relationship management and green products and services.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm best available via email or Skype during evenings or weekends – I might be most suited to work with international students.

49. Mrs. Victoria Suzuki, BA (2008) International Studies, Japan

Location: Nagoya, Japan

Current employer info: GABA Corporation

Past employment info

Prior to my work with GABA I was an administrative assistant at ABC legal. I have experience with development, ethnicity and nationalities, and area studies.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I would be most interested in mentoring students interested in Japan. I have experience in teaching English in Japan and can help students understand what to expect living in Japan. Email is the best way to reach me.

50. Mr. Carson Tavenner, MAIS (2000) China

Location: Arlington, WA

Current employer info

As the Executive Director of The Tai Initiative, I am a professional networker and leadership coach with many connections and relationships in P.R.China. The Tai Initiative is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to building leadership capacity at the subnational level of American-Chinese relations. Check out the team at www.taiinitiative.org to see what some past JSIS protégés are now doing; we have a very robust and active internship program as well.

Past employment info

I have worked as a Branch Chief managing East Asia-focused national strategic analysts, as Chief of Ballistic Missile Defense Intelligence in Japan, and as a History Professor (World, Asian, Chinese history and East Asian Literature).

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

In 2011 I retired from 20 years of service in the US Air Force, with the majority of those years in the military dedicated to understanding and/or working with foreign nations. As a result, I am particularly well suited to cross-cultural communication. I think and express myself visually; I am also musically and artistically inclined. I mesh best with ambitious, imaginative, passionate, or visionary students. I get excited about helping JSIS students map out a path to accomplishing their dreams. Availability: in person (downtown Seattle office), email, skype, phone, mornings, afternoons, weekends.

51. Mr. Brett Walton, MAIS (2009) Central Asia

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I am a reporter for Circle of Blue, an online, nonprofit news agency that reports on fresh water and all of its connections. I cover water's intersection with agriculture, energy, health, politics and economics.

Past employment info

Prior to my work with Circle of Blue I worked as a lecturer, teaching classes at Edmonds Community college. While at the Jackson School, my thesis work was on hydropolitics and security in Central Asia.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I can help out anyone who is interested in journalism or environmental issues – I'm available either in-person or by email, and mornings are usually my best time.

52. Mr. Zhi Wan, BA (2010) International Political Economy, Economics

Location: Mercer Island, WA

Current employer info

Associate SEM Specialist, Expedia

Past employment info

I have been at various positions from international sales to marketing. AT&T, Amazon, Microsoft, and Expedia are the main companies I have worked with, but also a couple smaller companies in China.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available either in person or by email/ phone on evenings and weekends.

53. Mr. Brenden West, MAIS (1989) Russia, East Europe & Central Asia

Location: Seattle, WA

Current employer info

I'm a self-employed software engineering manager with 15+ years of experience delivering high-profile web and mobile applications.

Past employment info

I have a variety of experience including 5 years in software consulting, 14 years with Microsoft (online news), and 2 years in Russia (various roles).

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

My best availability is through email, either in mornings or afternoons.

54. Ms. Mary Grace White, BA (2010) Asia Studies (major) European studies (minor)

Location: Greenville, MS

Current employer info

United States District Court

Past employment info

Judicial term clerk – research and drafting.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

Email, Skype, Phone, Evenings, Weekends

55. Ms. Chelsey Winchell, BA (2010) Spanish & International Studies

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Current employer info: US Air Force

Past employment info

I am currently a JAG for the United States Air Force. Previous to this, I worked as an associate at a law firm in California. Before that, I went to law school, during which I interned at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Before law school, I worked for a women's non-profit organization in New York City.

Additional information/ Preferred Communication Methods and times

I'm available either by email, phone, or through Skype, usually on weekends.