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Ph.D. students: this holiday season, devote a few hours to reading [Work Your Career](#) by [@JonathanMalloy](#) and me. (Many libraries have it.) The book teaches you how to maximize your agency throughout your program.

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As [@JonathanMalloy](#) and I argue in this [@ConversationCA](#) article, Ph.D. students can't wait for programs and universities to meet their professional development needs. While some offer great options, availability is uneven.

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In [#WorkYourCareer](#), we provide students with clear guidance on how to prepare for both academic & non-academic careers at every stage of their program. We outline our approach in the first chapter (available free online).

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In Chapter 2 of [#WorkYourCareer](#), we walk you through questions to consider when applying to PhD programs - including whether to apply and if so, to which ones (free excerpt linked below).

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Are you a potential PhD student deciding which programs to apply to? Check out this excerpt from "Work Your Career" where [@loleen_berdahl](#) and I give guidance on choosing the PhD program that best suits you.

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We also include this handy table. pic.twitter.com/V4BOr7Y11B

— Dr. Jonathan Malloy ([@JonathanMalloy](#)) [November 27, 2020](#)

Chapter 2 of #WorkYourCareer also includes our somewhat-controversial 'should I do a PhD?' flowchart. A PhD can be a great choice for many people - but it is a big life decision.

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Thinking of applying for a PhD? @JonathanMalloy and I created a flowchart to help you think through the decision (from our @utpress book, Work Your Career, which devotes a chapter to how to apply for PhD programs). @AcademicChatter #AcademicTwitter #gradschool <https://t.co/nvTpqLjq0v>

— Loleen Berdahl (@loleen_berdahl) [November 23, 2020](#)

Chapter 3 of #WorkYourCareer provides tips on getting through the program side of grad school - all seven stages. Classes, comps, dissertation, supervisors - it's all there.

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Currently sticking myself in Stage 3 and hoping I can skip right to 5. (From "Work Your Career" by Loleen Berdahl & Jonathan Malloy) pic.twitter.com/yefE9ScNxl

— Emma SJ Green (@EmmaSJGreen) [June 17, 2019](#)

In Chapter 4 of #WorkYourCareer , we guide students to increase their skills and expand their networks through activities outside their programs - and give tools to make strategic choices in doing so.

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This came in yesterday and can't put it down @loleen_berdahl and @JonathanMalloy. Favorite chapter so far. Only wish this came out 5 years ago when I started my #PhD. This is a must read ! pic.twitter.com/UwUMkLVqmi

— David Said (@d_said91) [December 1, 2020](#)

One topic that can be a bit of a black box for grad students is applying for funding. In #WorkYourCareer, chapter 5 is devoted to understanding how to approach grant applications.

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Chapter 6 of #WorkYourCareer focuses on publishing. We encourage students to create a strategic publishing portfolio and explain how to do so. Writing and publishing is an emotional topic. We discuss how to start from where you are at right now.

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A big challenge for many grad students is productivity. In chapter 7 of #WorkYourCareer, we look at issues of time management, networking, and building a professional reputation. See the free excerpt linked below.

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As summer winds down, are you prepared to tackle the term? Work Your Career authors [@Loleen_Berdahl](#) and [@JonathanMalloy](#) share a free excerpt from their helpful guide, offering practical advice on how you can get (and stay) organized: <https://t.co/roYX77FTi8>. #BackToSchool pic.twitter.com/ncfy4ZL0ze

— University of Toronto Press (@utpress) [September 2, 2019](#)

Two chapters in #WorkYourCareer are devoted to applying for jobs. Ch 8 looks at career options for PhDs and how to get started. Ch 9 focuses on how to apply for academic jobs: how to interpret academic job ads, prepare materials, and make it through interviews.

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We end #WorkYourCareer by reminding students to maximize their agency (Chapter 10) and then by urging our faculty colleagues to take action to improve graduate professional training (Appendix - Faculty Call to Arms).

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[@Gold_Dana](#) 's review of #WorkYourCareer in [@CJPS_RCSP](#)

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New on #FirstView: [@Gold_Dana](#)'s review of 'Work Your Career: Get What You Want from Your Social Sciences or Humanities PhD' by [@Loleen_berdahl](#) & [@JonathanMalloy](#) & 'The Oxford Handbook of Publishing' by [@Angusph](#) & [@michaelbhaskar](#) - <https://t.co/lwEydaajw8> pic.twitter.com/w2wvlqvC0t

— CJPS_RCSP (@CJPS_RCSP) [September 23, 2019](#)

[@raulpacheco](#) 's reading notes on #WorkYourCareer

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Work Your Career: Get What You Want from Your Social Sciences or Humanities PhD (my reading notes) <https://t.co/JHREthOiD2> by [@loleen_berdahl](#) and [@jonathanmalloy](#) is an honest and frank book. No rosy promises. The truth, and nothing more than the truth.

— Dr Raul Pacheco-Vega (@raulpacheco) [September 12, 2019](#)

Graduate career professional's review of #WorkYourCareer

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S.E. Gump's review of #WorkYourCareer in the Journal of Scholarly Publishing.

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#WorkYourCareer reviews on [@goodreads](#)

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<https://t.co/9zzKF4yICy>

[@JonathanMalloy](#) and I wrote #WorkYourCareer to empower PhD students during their programs.

Check your local or university library for a copy to read over the break!

<https://t.co/OkGIXCHhO4>