



John Cabot University *ALUMNI PROFILE*



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What was your career path after graduating from JCU?

I went to work for Salomon Smith Barney, where I traded European equities to Italian institutional investors. Two years later, I took a similar position with Morgan Stanley, working between their offices in Milan and London. I was promoted to Vice President in 2004, and moved to their office in New York City in 2006, where I sold US equities and equity derivatives to European-based institutional investors. In September 2008, I moved back to London to take a position as Partner at Children's Investment Fund Foundation, one of the most respected hedge funds in the world.

What were you probably doing on this very day, ten years ago?

Working on how to handle the Russian crisis and withstand financial instability after Lehman lost a lot of money in the Russia debacle.

What's your favorite website?

The boring answer? www.cnn.com. The fun answer? fandango.com - I love movies!

What was the last good book you read?

American Pastoral by Philip Roth - a great book with great insights into American society.

Which of your JCU courses has been the most valuable in your professional life?

Chris Neenan's English Literature class. It had nothing to do with my core studies, but it helped me to think outside the box.

Was there anyone during your time at JCU who acted as a mentor for you?

Susan Fuller. Her energy and observations were great, and they shaped my professional attitude.

What's your favorite landmark in Rome?

Giardino degli Aranci. So peaceful, so elegant, so romantic! Perfect for a date!

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would that be and why?

Vancouver. I think it's one of the best cities in the world: modern, clean, close to the ocean, close to the mountains. It's perfect for people like me who love outdoor sports!

What are your plans for the future?

Work hard, and spend a lot of quality time with my 5 year-old son.

What advice would you give to students attending JCU today?

Study hard! What you learn today will actually be very handy when you start working. And make tons of good friends! Networking is the key to success in today's world.