



## 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](http://www.cnn.com). The fun answer? [fandango.com](http://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.