Leveraging Your MA and Strategizing for Career Success:
A Workshop with Jennifer Furlong

Getting an MA is a terrific intellectual experience. It doesn’t, however, always provide you with a clear career path. In this session, we’ll talk about how to determine what jobs/sectors might be the best fit for you, how to build a network that can facilitate your move into your chosen field, and how to present yourself to colleagues and potential employers in job search materials and interviews. Please join us for a lively and informative session presented by Jenny Furlong, director of the Office of Career Planning and Professional Development at the Graduate Center.

Jenny Furlong is the director of the Office of Career Planning and Professional Development at the Graduate Center, CUNY. She earned her Ph.D. in romance languages at the University of Pennsylvania and her B.A. in comparative literary studies at Northwestern University. Her academic training is in eighteenth-century French literature, history, and culture; she dabbles in book history as well. In addition, Dr. Furlong has many years of experience in career planning and development for graduate students. Prior to coming to the Graduate Center, she served as associate director in the Office of Faculty Resources at New York University; she previously served as associate director of graduate student career development at Columbia University’s Center for Career Education and as associate director for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the career services office of the University of Pennsylvania.

Furlong’s series of columns and articles, coauthored with Julia Miller Vick, appear regularly in the online “Advice: Career Talk” section of the Chronicle of Higher Education. Among the most recent articles are: “Finding an Internship to Change Careers,” “Seven Resolutions to Advance Your Career,” “Seeking the Mentors You Need,” and “How New Graduate Students Should Spend Their Summers.” With Julie Vick, she also coauthored the fourth edition of The Academic Job Search Handbook (Philadelphia: U. of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), an invaluable companion for those seeking teaching positions in higher education.