How on earth did I end up here?

From history student to Head of history

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My path
My present
Do something you feel passionate about

(...and never allow yourself to forget that feeling)
Be ambitious, present and resilient

“When opportunity knocked, I didn’t recognize it. It was disguised as hard work.”

Your Life Ambition - What Happened??

- Win Nobel Prize
- Revolutionize your field
- Attend that Conference in PoDunk, MN
- Get a job at a top University
- Get a job
- Hope they have Pepperoni Pizza

1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year 4th Year 5th Year
Never forget or depreciate the world outside the academic bubble

When you go outside and it’s sunny and you remember what warmth feels like
Work is (just) work
Working outside a purely academic context

Pros and cons