BUILDING EXPERIENCE FOR CAREERS IN .

Publishing, Writing, Editing, and Literary Criticism

Career Advancement offers tailored support, career exploration events, and skill-building workshops that prepare students for literary and storytelling careers.



Learn Your Craft

Master the arts of writing, editing, publishing, criticism, and more with specialized professional development events such as Careers in Humanities Week and JAMFest.



Get Experience

Build your resume and creative portfolio with UChicago internships and the Practitioner Program



Find Your Dream Job

Start your journey to success with access to UChicago's literary employer network, including publishing houses, magazines, newspapers, and film/TV studios.

PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

The Practitioner Program matches students with leading writers and artists for project-based internships. Practitioners include novelists, reporters, historians, and more! Highlights include:

Sasha Bonet

Alfred A. Knopf publishing house author

Eve Fairbanks

Author of "The Inheritors" 2023 Winner of the PEN America Award for Non-Fiction

Ted Fishman

New York Times best-selling author

Elly Fishman

Winner of the Studs and Ida Terkel Award

Meghan Greenwell

Author at Harper Collins

Haley Cohen Gilliland

The Economist, The New York Times, Vanity Fair, and National Geographic writer

Noah Shannon

New York Times Magazine writer and Random House author

Lawrence Wright

New Yorker writer, Pulitzer-Prize winner, NYT best-selling author

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MASTER YOUR CRAFT AND MEET EMPLOYERS

Build your writing and editing skills and meet leaders in the field at UChicago's specialized professional development events.



JAMfest

Each fall, students hear from panels of practicing writers, artists, and media professionals at this conference-style celebration of journalism, arts, and media.



- Everything You Can't Google about Freelance Writing with Jamie Lauren Keiles, AB'14, contributing writer at The New York Times Magazine
- Documentary Filmmaking with director Justin Staple, AB'11
- Careers in Journalism, Creative Writing, and Publishing: The Practitioner Program with Ben Austen, contributing writer at The New York Times, and author Sasha Bonet



Careers in Humanities Week

Immerse yourself in the many exciting career paths in the humanities with a series of interactive workshops.

Recent workshop presenters include:

- Jake Bittle, AB'17, reporter and author of The Great
 Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration
- Kathleen Blackburn, freelance writer and lecturer in the Program on Creative Writing
- STAGE Lab, a center for theater and film work inspired by science and technology at the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering



Career Treks

Career treks bring students to meet with employers in major literary and entertainment markets throughout the U.S. and around the world, including New York, Los Angeles, and Paris.

The itinerary for a recent trek included:

- Publishing Your First Book with Simon & Schuster
- Creative Time
- Lunch with Reporting and Literary Journalism Alumni from The New York Times
- Hachette Book Group
- Meeting with ABC News correspondent Rebecca Jarvis, AB'03



Partnership with The Point Magazine

Career Advancement partners with The Point Magazine to give students access to the Point Program for Public Thinking, an initiative dedicated to promoting pluralistic public conversation. The program includes Critics Club, year-round workshops for aspiring journalists and public thinkers at UChicago. Previous workshops have included Editing 101, an exploration of the fundamentals of editing: how to read carefully and generously, how to identify a piece's strengths, weaknesses, and unrealized potential, and how to offer constructive feedback to writers.

GET STARTED

To learn more about the opportunities for students interested in publishing and journalism, contact Ben Waltzer at waltzer@uchicago.edu and Nely Rentas at nrentas@uchicago.edu.

