

Somerville City Careers Event
Friday 11th November 6pm

Alan Connery (1994, Classics)

Alan has spent his entire career in the investment management industry, always in equities. He joined Schroders from university and spent several years as a sector analyst, researching European companies in the telecommunications, IT, and media sectors. In 2005 Alan joined Alliance Bernstein as a 'mid-cap analyst' which meant he was no longer wedded to a particular sector, but was instead looking for good investment ideas amongst medium-sized companies. When the downturn came, Alan was asked to reinvent himself as a European Banks analyst. In 2011, he made the move from research analyst to portfolio manager and managed a European Equity fund and was co-manager of a Global Small & MidCap Equity fund. In September 2016, he joined the specialist equity team at Insight Investment and is now one of several managers on a European 'long-short' fund. He still spends his time looking at and analysing European companies; the difference now is that his aim is to deliver a positive absolute return independent of whether the stockmarket rises or falls (previous roles - as is common in much of the industry - involved only trying to 'beat' the market).

Cordelia Witton (2006, Ancient and Modern History)

After leaving Somerville I took a year out to work in Beijing for the M Restaurant Group before starting on the Lloyd's of London Graduate Scheme in 2010. I spent 5 years in the insurance market – working in underwriting, business development, claims and performance management. My final role was in Overseas Underwriting Performance which involved working on the business plans for syndicates writing insurance and reinsurance in Singapore, China and Dubai. In October 2016 I joined Aon as part of their Corporate Finance team which operates as a boutique investment bank within the wider Aon structure, serving the capital raising, NewCo and M&A needs of Aon's insurance clients as well as private equity.

Simon Hodge (2006, History)

After leaving Somerville, I spent a year at King's College, London, studying for an MA in International Relations. My research focused on regional security in Central Asia, with a policy focus on Afghanistan. After that I joined Capgemini as a Management Consultant for three years, where I worked on strategy and technology projects across Financial Services, Utilities, Infrastructure and Higher Education. Lloyds Bank came next, where I was a Product Manager in Consumer Lending for two years. I then continued my career as a moneylender at a much cooler Fintech company called Zopa, a peer-to-peer lender, where I run a team which makes Operations awesome.

Sarah Glenister (2006, Chemistry)

Sarah graduated from Oxford with a 2.1 Master of Chemistry in 2010 and having been Somerville-Jesus Ball President. She then spent 6 months in Canada before returning to the UK and starting her own successful tutoring business. Sarah joined Tesco on the Supply Chain Internal Consultant graduate programme in 2012 progressing to Project Manager responsible for improving Tesco's P&L by reducing theft from General Merchandising and Health & Beauty (categories that accounted for £100million of Tesco's overall losses from theft in 2014). In January of 2016 she joined Amazon as a Vendor Manager, looking after the relationship between Kindle and Penguin Random House (the UK's biggest publisher).