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Upon graduating from York, Karen joined KPMG's audit practice and became a Chartered Accountant (CA) in 2005. During her five years with the firm, she worked in the Toronto, London (UK) and Washington DC offices before deciding to complete a Masters degree in Political Sociology at the London School of Economics. She now resides in Ottawa and is a Foreign Service Officer in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Most recently, she completed a short-term assignment at Canada's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York as an Advisor on UN budgetary and administrative issues. Karen also serves as a Board member and Treasurer for Peacebuild, an NGO engaged in activities which support and help to resolve conflict in fragile states.

**Advice I'd give students fresh out of university:**

Talk to people you admire to understand how they reached their goals. Seek their advice and follow it, no matter how difficult or insignificant it may seem.

**Favourite book and why:**

East of Eden by John Steinbeck. It is one of those rare books that left me feeling sad when I realized I had gotten to the end.

**Thing I just can't live without:**

My iPod.