Ph.D. Dropouts

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Hello!

I’m Katrina Spencer.
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I’ll be your moderator.
Excerpts from our Land & Labor Acknowledgement

**Ohlone Nation (Bay Area, California)**
- *The Ohlone Way: Indian Life in the San Francisco–Monterey Bay Area*

**Monacan Nation (Charlottesville, Virginia)**
- *Monacan Millennium*

**Eno People (Greensboro, North Carolina)**
- *Ribbons of Color Along the Eno River* by Sophie Shaw

**Enslaved Africans’ & their descendants’ labor in Charlottesville**
- [https://slavery.virginia.edu/](https://slavery.virginia.edu/)
- Educated in tyranny: slavery at Thomas Jefferson’s University
- Enslaved Laborers Memorial Approved
- Finding the Enslaved Laborers at UVA
- Remembering the forgotten: UVA Memorial to Enslaved Laborers leads calls for change
- Thomas Jefferson’s Education
- Turning Grief for a Hidden Past Into a Healing Space
Team Presentation (2.9.22)

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HOW IT STARTED
What drew you to your Ph.D. program?
HOW IT WENT
How difficult was the decision for you to leave and what were the motivating factors?
What did you gain from the time you spent studying at the Ph.D. level and how has it enriched your LIS career?
If any, what are your regrets?
What advice might you offer to those considering going down this road, [LIS or otherwise]?
What worked in the program and what didn't? Upon reflection, what would you have done differently?
THE AFTERLIFE
What did you do to recover from your program?
What are some of the career options available for those who get their MLS/MLIS?
What courses/track should I pursue if interested in a Ph.D.? 
How do you now remain current in your Field of expertise?
A recommended reading for more on this topic:


THANKS!

Any questions?

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