

**Name:** Diana Mendez

**Degree:** B.A., Philosophy , December 2008

**Current Job:** Project Manager, CETRA language solutions

**How did you decide on your undergraduate major?**

I decided, early on, that I wanted to know the Truth (no, no kidding) and Philosophy seemed a logical choice.

**What was your experience like at Hunter?**

Looking back upon New York, I realize that Hunter was inextricable from my overall New York experience. Hunter was New York. I grew a lot in the last few years , in many ways. I can safely say that my philosophical, personal and professional development stem from my experience at Hunter. I worked at Career Development Services (CDS) as a work study office assistant my last year at Hunter. I wish I had come into contact with CDS earlier. I learned a lot working there and then came to them with my own résumé troubles. The knowledge base and assistance available for students is invaluable.

**Briefly describe what you do in your current position as Project Manager**

As a project manager I am the go-between for clients seeking translations of ALL -and I do mean ALL- different sorts. As such, I interact with translators, clients, editors and interpreters from all over the world. I edit, proof read and format: documents, surveys, web pages, advertisements, employee handbooks and so forth. My job is pretty amazing for various reasons. One, it's all very new. I'm less than 2 weeks old here. I never thought about language quite as much and in quite the same way I do now. Two, I've learned and will continue to learn, a great deal. Three, the people I work with have a combined wealth of knowledge that is truly astounding.

**What are your future aspirations?**

To learn 5 languages by the age of 30, pursue advanced degrees in: translation, Spanish, Portuguese and German and a PhD in Philosophy.

**Do you have any advice for students?**

Nothing, absolutely NOTHING you learn is a waste. I obtained this job by following my instincts and going for what I truly enjoyed. You can and will find ways to make your particular skill sets useful. You may, of course, need some help doing that. That's what people like those at CDS are for.