

Apprise Timeline of 1319

1319, a North American, was working part-time at a multi-national corporation in North America when he decided to begin the PhD. Before the doctoral program, he had achieved Bachelors and Master's degrees, and decided to pursue a PhD in order to increase his knowledge of the field. He was writing his thesis from home in North America while taking care of his family when he joined this study, having returned after several years in the UK. During the thesis writing phase, he quit his job to focus on finishing the PhD, and began a start-up to earn money to fund his studies and support his family. Following the PhD, which he completed at age 51, 1319 took a one-year teaching and research position at a university in North America, and was striving for a career in academia. What struck us about 1319's story was:

Commitment to family that impeded work on thesis, writing up thesis from North America (personal)

Perceived supervisors as distant and disinterested in his PhD topic, experience of revision and resubmission of thesis (work experience)

Desire to work in academia contrasted with practical concerns about finances that led to seeking work in industry (career thinking)

