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She reflects: "Our online lives have made it easier to make our own way in our chosen profession, sometimes outside of the traditional academic channels. This can bring advantages as well as the occasional pitfall. While I never expected to work within such a narrow focus as an historian, taking on one topic at a time has definitely helped me to begin shaping my career into one that is incredibly rewarding."