

# Hopkins' Network at Work

Guiding Young Adults into the Future

## Turnstile Tours, NYC



Andrew Gustafson '00, the Vice President of Turnstile Tours in NYC, hosted Andrew Roberge '18. Turnstile designs and operates tours of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn Army Terminal, and New York City's public markets. Their tours are steeped in history, urban studies, and advocacy.

**IF IT TAKES A VILLAGE, BOUND TOGETHER BY GEOGRAPHY, TO RAISE A CHILD, IT TAKES A** far-flung network of mentors to guide young adults into the future. Hopkins Job Shadow Program is such a network. Launched in 2007 by the Hopkins Alumni/ae Association under the leadership of Ron Delfini '84, the program matches rising seniors with opportunities to spend a day "at work" with alumni/ae involved in a wide variety of occupations and professions. Since its inception, more than 150 students have participated in the program. This summer, *Views from the Hill* sent two photographers, Leo Sorrel of New York City and Judy Sirota Rosenthal of New Haven, on an assignment to capture a job shadow in pictures.



Roberge meets Mohammed Khan, a food cart vendor, whose family has been selling Trinidadian food on the same corner for nearly 30 years. Turnstile's food cart tours go beyond tastings. They elevate the stories of everyday New Yorkers and address issues of immigration and the vendor permit process.



The Brooklyn Navy Yard and Brooklyn Army Terminal tours are customized to a group's interest. Gustafson says Hopkins prepared him well. "I cannot overemphasize the value and importance that competing as a member of the (Hopkins) Debate Team has had for me. The skills I learned organizing ideas, arguments, and narratives on my feet, I use every day."



**Andrew Roberge '18:**  
Gustafson really emphasized to me that there are multiple ways to get where you belong and to end up doing what you love. It was also very cool to see that Turnstile Tours was regarded as one of the best tourism companies in NYC and actually held training sessions for other tour groups and companies! I also learned a lot of tips and the distinction between working FOR your business, and working ON your business.

**Andrew Gustafson '00:**  
For the last several years, I've had the opportunity to work with young people in high school and college, and one of the most eye-opening things for me has been to see how they respond to hearing about people's career paths. When I was younger, I don't really remember having those types of conversations; usually I would hear about people of my parents' generation, most of whom went to school, got a job, and stayed in that career for decades, and that was the measure of success. So I thought it was important for me to be able to share a bit of the winding path my own career has taken.