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Well... I'm presently a full time mom of a 2 1/2 year old! Not sure how inspiring that will be for your Econ majors (though Professor Macunovich's awesome "Gender and Economics" class leaps to mind as a retort)!

That said, my path has taken many twists and turns directly related to my Econ major (which included classes at the CDE)-- first as an RA working on an economic impact of HIV in Kenya and Thailand study funded by AID, then two years writing speeches for Economist Nancy Birdsall when she was VP at the InterAmerican Development Bank (that one was thanks to Prof. Dick Sabot), then working for a year on a social marketing of condoms campaign in Boliva.

Next, after completing my MPA at Princeton (I'd say Woodrow Wilson School but the verdict is still out on that name...), I became the Associate Director of the Rhode Island Service Alliance in charge of evaluating national service and service learning programming for the state. After several years there, I continued on as an evaluation consultant while also taking some sharp left and right turns into the worlds of adult Ed, contemplative practice and conscious dance which included running my own business called "The Center of Joy."

My most recent passion/ employment (pre- full time householding/ mothering that is) was teaching contemplative practice (using meditation as a core tool for transforming self/ conflict/ violence) in both men's and women's prisons in Rhode Island. How my Econ degree fits in with that requires some stretching but evaluation, community development and public policy all come into play. (PLUS I first really connected to teaching as an Econ TA and tutor at Williams!)

So, I'm pretty sure all that is NOT what you are looking for... But 3 or 4 lines seems rather insufficient to capture it all.