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Career Help—Just in Time for Graduation
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Two Queen's staff members have recently published career books and will be launching them on Thursday, April 16 from 3:30-5:30 pm at Career Services (3rd floor, Gordon Hall).

Christine Fader and Cathy Keates work as career counsellors at Career Services and have more than 10 years of experience providing career counselling and workshops for students.

Ms. Fader guides women through the reality and fantasy of finding work they'll love in *Career Cupid – Your Guide to Landing and Loving Your Dream Job*, a timely book that uses the analogy that the search for a dream career is often like the search for a dream guy. Despite the practical advice contained in it, *Career Cupid* is not your typical career guide.

“There are many career books out there,” says Ms. Fader, “but in my 10 years as a career counsellor, I have realized that much of the valuable information in them never gets read.” *Career Cupid* is a “chick-lit” style book that blends humour with expert career advice. “This is the kind of book women can enjoy reading in the bathtub or on an airplane,” says Ms. Fader.

In her book *Not for Sale! Why we need a new job search mindset*, Ms. Keates questions the long-accepted advice that a job is one long sales campaign.

“New grads will hear that they should get out there and sell themselves if they want to find a good job” Keates says. “But people are not products,” she argues, “and I've seen how following this advice can lead to more suffering than success.” Instead, she offers an alternative mindset, where readers are encouraged to search for work in a way that recognizes and celebrates authenticity and integrity.

Both books are available for purchase at the Campus Bookstore. Ms. Keates and Ms. Fader will sign copies of the books at the launch.