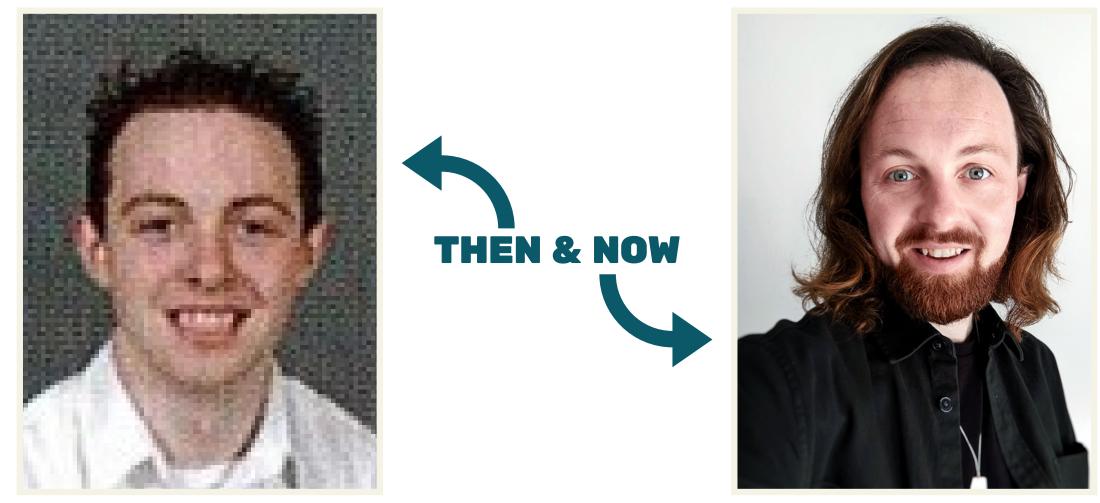
## **MWSC MONTHLY ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**





When Nick was young he wanted to be a doctor. A dream set to come unexpectedly true when he completes his PhD studies.

## WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

After taking politics and economics subjects in his VCE, Nick continued with both fields at Monash University. Completing a double degree Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Commerce from 2003 to 2008. Nick took a semester off in 2007 ahead of his Honours year in 2008. That

combination led him down a career path focused on economic policy. Toward the end of his Bachelor's studies, Nick did an internship at a Victorian Government Regulatory Agency and, after graduating landed an Economist position at Australia's Productivity Commission. He worked in government for ten years before deciding on a change of career direction. In 2018, he packed up his life and moved to Denmark, where he returned to University to study a Master's in Economics.

## WHERE IS HE NOW?

Nick now lives in Copenhagen and is a PhD student at Lund University in Sweden. He works on Scandinavian economic history — examining the role of education in the economic development of Denmark, Norway and Sweden since 1800.

This month, he'll present his research at a conference in Groningen, The Netherlands. Afterwards, his travels will take him to the Arctic north of Norway, where he'll meet with colleagues at the University of Tromsø.

## SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Nick speaks fluent Danish. He started learning Danish back in Melbourne — before even visiting the country — having been inspired by the political drama *Borgen* (SBS/Netflix).