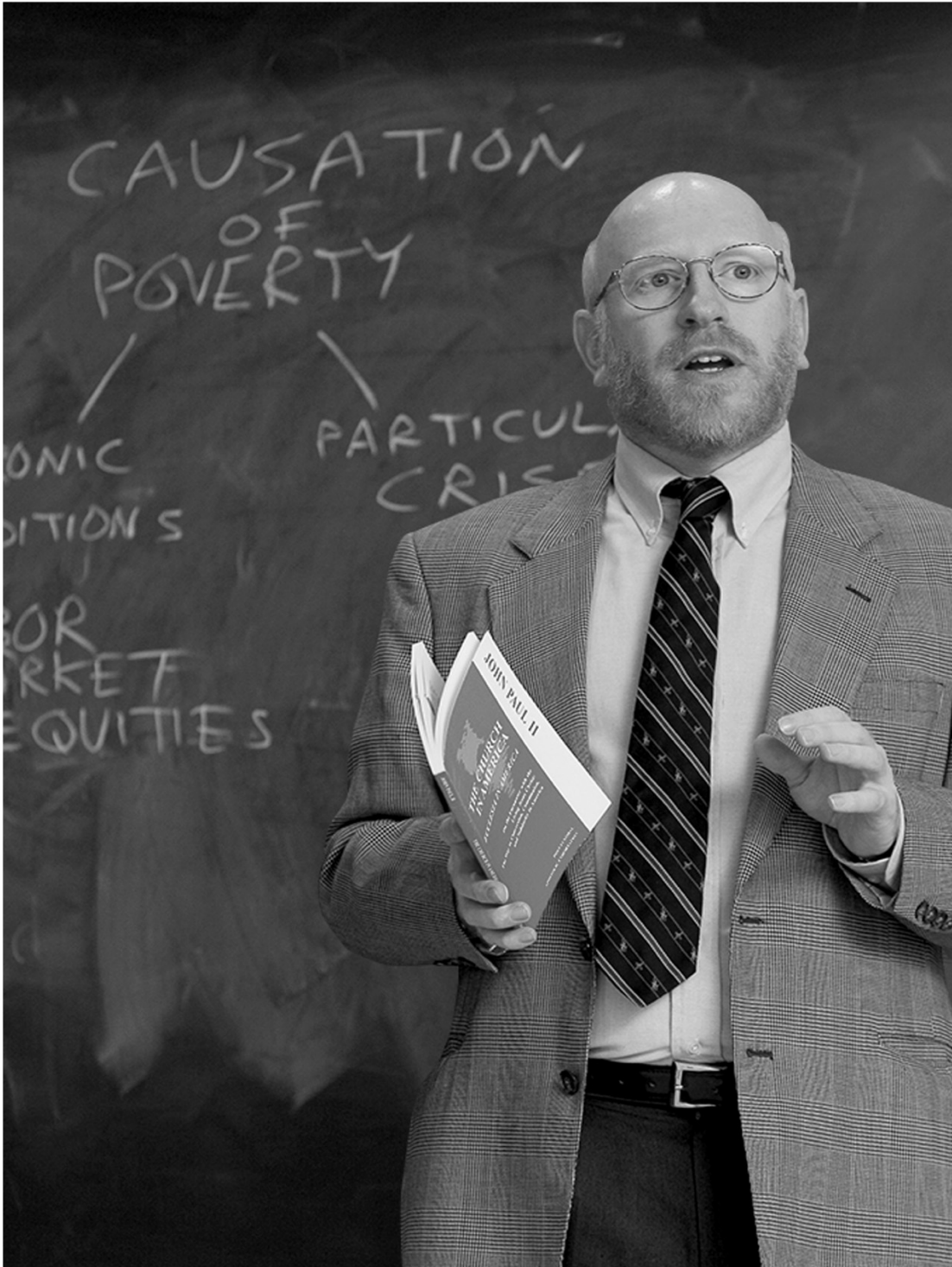




From the Trenches: Top 10 Pointers in Considering Graduate School



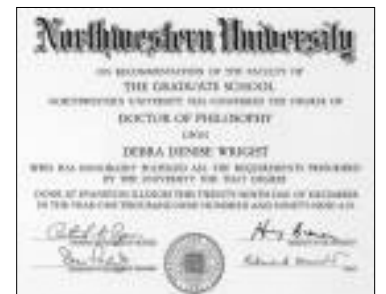
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Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions asked graduate students what advice they would give to someone considering graduate school. Here are their Top 10 pointers:

- Know why you're going, otherwise you'll flounder.
- Focus your study as quickly as you can. It will simplify your research and decrease your time in the program.
- Get to know the professors in the programs that interest you. It's the quickest way to get a TA or RA.
- Investigate departments in terms of the student success rate.
- Think for yourself.
- Read as much in your field as possible.
- Learn how to sell yourself in a substantial, credible way.
- Know the history of your field and the basic theories. It's dull but invaluable.
- Don't do it if money is your main motivation.
- Make sure you're devoted—it's a long haul.

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