

## Guess Who's Hiring? Uncle Sam



While jobs have disappeared by the millions, some sectors of the economy are welcoming job seekers with experience - and government is one of them.

John Kerr, 71, spends his days as a park ranger in a remote corner of Yellowstone National Park. "Every morning when I get up and go in, I think to myself, I have the opportunity to elevate a visitor's experience in a direct way that I haven't had for many, many years," says the former public television executive. "And that is very exciting."

Bart Kendrick, 64, began his second encore career in government after a remarkably short job search that resulted in six strong leads. "I had to cancel five interviews. Anyone who says there are no jobs out there is full of hot air," he says.

It may not be that easy for all job seekers, but here's how you can get a good start:

- [Learn more about jobs at national and state parks](#)
- [Read about Bart Kendrick's two encore careers in government](#)
- [Meet an organization that's recruiting federal workers](#)

### What's New

## Now's the Time to Network Like Crazy



In the current job market, it's especially important to work your contact list with all the energy you can muster. Jane Jelenko, coauthor of *Changing Lanes: Road Maps to Midlife Renewal*, explains how "networking on steroids" will fuel your search for an encore career

- [Read more](#)
- [Learn more about finding a nonprofit career in tough times](#)
- [Is there a group in your area that focuses on midlife transitions?](#)
- [Learn about upcoming encore career webinars and events](#)

## Is Age Bias a Problem for Encore Careerists?



The results of our survey last month on ageism in the workplace are in, and there are more than a few surprises. You gave strong feedback about whether you would alter your resume and appearance. And you defined very clearly what matters - and what doesn't - in your encore career. Most important, you explained why you want one

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## Former Teacher Fights Poverty in Latin America



When Lynne Randolph Patterson, then 50, left her job as a family educator in Long Island and moved to Bolivia in the late 1980s, she never dreamed she would be instrumental in creating one of Latin America's largest and most successful microfinance networks, Pro Mujer. Since then, she's created opportunities for others with experience.

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## Do You Have an Encore Story to Tell?



Were you laid off or did you choose to leave your last job to find an encore career combining income, personal meaning and social purpose? Have you come out of retirement in the past year because of the economy? At Encore.org we occasionally hear from journalists who want to tell the stories of people like you who are making a transition to social purpose work.

If you are willing to talk to a reporter about your journey toward an encore career – or your efforts to find one – please send an email to Jennifer Coate at [jcoate\[at\]civicventures.org](mailto:jcoate[at]civicventures.org).