

2P JOB STORIES

Pong Zhi Chan

My Job Story

I'm from Guangzhou. I used to work at Nan Fong Hotel. My job was cleaning the rooms. I didn't like this job. I only did it to live.

In 1991, I came to America. I worked two jobs: in a dry cleaner's and at a souvenir shop. I worked two kinds of shifts: from nine o'clock am to five o'clock pm and from twelve o'clock pm to twelve o'clock am. These two jobs paid cash.

I stopped working in 2001 and I began to invest in the stock market.

My story is very simple.

Xiu Jie Cui

My Job

I'm a spa manager. I also give massages. Massages are good for everyone because everybody works hard. So everyone is very tired. Massages can promote blood circulation, get rid of toxins, and strengthen the immune system. So I really like my job. Health is important to everyone. No health, no nothing.

Before, I didn't like giving massages because a lot of people think this is an erotic service. Now I changed my thinking. I feel this job is very good because I can help everyone. If you feel pain or tired, I can help you.

My spa has gotten very good reviews on Yelp. I ask my customers, "How do you know this place?" and a lot of customers say on Yelp. A lot of customers after their massages say, "Very good! Excellent! It was amazing!" So our business is booming. I'm very happy every day.

My spa's name is Sunny Body Work. I like this name because I like the sun. Sunshine is auspicious in China.

Yan Zhen Deng

My Past Job

In 2011, I came to the United States. I felt confused, like most newcomers to the U.S.A. But I was very lucky. When I tried to find a job, I found a cashier job in a Japanese restaurant. My boss was from Taiwan. He was a friendly and nice person. My coworkers were funny and interesting.

I worked from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday. I had an hour for lunch. I usually used the time to eat my lunch and take a break. My job duties were helping customers to order and ordering supplies.

I didn't have experience or skills, but I could learn my job skills. After two weeks, I did my job very well. But my job didn't have excellent benefits or vacation. We didn't have uniforms, but we had work hats.

Every day I took the N train to the restaurant. First, I needed to open the door and turn on the cash register. Then I cleaned the tables and moved the chairs to look neat. Last, I checked to make sure the cash register had some money inside. When I finished work, I would take the train home. When I had the day off, I would watch a movie or go shopping.

That was my job. I liked my job because it was my first job in the United States.

Min Yi Fan

My Best Job

I owned a small company in China. I managed many things in my company. Sometimes I greeted visitors and assisted customers. I had good people skills. I handled phone calls and

recorded information. I supervised employees and made work schedules. Sometimes I received shipments and checked stock. Also, I was an assistant accountant. I controlled the income and spending costs in my company. I tried applying for a loan from the bank. My company was getting into debt and I worried about it. But I had enough money to order supplies. I checked our account balances every month.

I also was the hiring manager. When my employees left work and there were some open positions, I had to interview new workers. I asked them “What are your job duties?”, “Tell me about your work experience,” and “Why did you leave your last job?” I thought they would like to do something different and have new work experience.

In my past job, I was tired, excited, and interested. I learned management skills. It was a good beginning for working in the future. In my life I can do something different. When my English gets better, I will find a new job in the U.S. I will do my best. I have good people and money skills. I think my work experience will help me find a new job.

Xiao Yan Fang

My Job

I was a homemaker in China. I went to the market, cooked, cleaned my home, and took care of my son every day. It was a relaxing and simple life. I enjoyed my days as a homemaker.

I came to the United States in 2009. I couldn't be a homemaker anymore. I had to get a job to pay rent. I went to a beauty school to learn how to do nails. Later I got a nail certificate and wax certificate. I looked for a nail salon job in the Chinese newspaper. I called a nail salon and went to an interview. When I interviewed the boss asked me about my job skills and experience. I also asked the boss about the pay and work schedule. It didn't have any benefits, but I thought the job was good for me. It wasn't heavy work. I liked the job because I could study English four days a week. On other days I went to work. It was very flexible.

When I arrive at work I need to put on a uniform, and then I refill some supplies. After I finish helping customers, I can play cell phone games, chat, and eat snacks. Also I speak English with my customers. It helps me to improve my English. So far, so good. Do you know my job goals? I'd like to be a housewife in America in the future.

Dan Ping Feng

My Past Job

I came to the United States in 2016. I am a homemaker. In 2000, I moved to Puerto Rico. In Puerto Rico, I started as a cashier in a restaurant. I started learning Spanish. In 2003, I opened my own restaurant. I worked full-time every day. Some customers came to the restaurant and spoke Spanish. I liked my job. I could make money. I had some friends in my job because I was friendly and smiling. In the morning I went to the bank or market to buy food for the restaurant. I did not have vacations in my job. Caribe China was the restaurant's name. It was fast food. In my job I learned many things.

Cai Hong Huang

My Past Jobs

I have many years of office experience. When I first came to the United States nine years ago, I got a job as a receptionist at the First Dental Office. Then one year later I got a job at Abacus Federal Savings Bank. I was very lucky.

In 2011, I started working at Thomas Berra Law Office. The Law Office was at 401 Broadway. I worked as a receptionist. The job duties were handling phone calls, greeting and assisting customers, helping the customers fill out the forms, helping customers practice before going to

court, and organizing and mailing court documents. I liked this job because my boss and coworkers were nice. They taught me a lot of law office skills.

In 2013, I became an office assistant. I got good benefits. My work time was from Monday to Friday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. I had health insurance, sick days, and paid holidays. Sometimes if the customers won their case, I could get a bonus. I was very happy and I enjoyed it.

In 2016, I became a housewife and student. I'll always remember my past jobs.

Jie Ling Huang

About My Job

I was a salesperson in my country. I worked at the Belle Company. It was a big leather shoe company in China. The company produced leather shoes and sold leather shoes. The company had many brands. I worked at the Belle Company for about five years.

I had a wonderful experience at that job. I started working at Belle in 2010. At that moment, I was young. I didn't know what I was going to do or what I should or shouldn't do. I was glad to have a great supervisor. She taught me a lot of skills. I was very grateful to her. And I was always the best salesperson. I could get a bonus as the top seller every month. My coworkers were friendly. We helped each other. After work we usually went out to eat at night. We are still in touch.

Now I am a manicurist. That's my first job in the United States. It's not my dream job, but I have to do it to live. In the future I hope to be a cosmetologist. Even though being a manicurist isn't my favorite job, it's still about beauty. When I can make people beautiful, I feel happy.

Anna Kong

My Jobs in My Hometown

In 1990, I went to work when I was a high school student. The job was part-time. I worked on weekends, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. In this job I sold bed products. A year later, I got a job stocking shelves. I worked for a sauce company. My job duties were helping the marketing department. We needed to go to the market to check the products on the shelves. I got another job in 1994. This job was in a chocolate company. It was a part-time job too. The job was interesting. I played games with kids when I sold chocolate.

After I graduated from college, I got my first full-time job. I was responsible for organizing materials. I worked from Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. But I didn't like it. I felt depressed. I started looking for the right job.

At last, I became a real estate agent. It was better and challenging. Busy work has taught me a lot of things and given me many new friends. I loved this job.

Xiao Lin Kuang

My Past Job

My name is Xiao Lin Kuang. I was an office assistant in my country. I worked for a company in Guangzhou, China. The company's name was Hong Xiang. I worked Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. This included a lunch break.

I lived in the company dormitory with my coworkers. The company had only eight employees. It was a small company. My duties were handling phone calls, faxes, and emails. Sometimes I needed to go to other companies or banks to pick up checks. I liked that because when I finished work, I could go to drink tea. I enjoyed my work time.

During holidays the company organized some activities. We went hiking and riding bicycles. My boss and my workmates were friendly. We always went to eat and went to karaoke together. They taught me a lot of office skills. I was very thankful to them.

In 2013, I came to the United States with my husband. I left but I still keep in contact with my boss and I always mail some gifts to my ex-coworkers. I miss them!

Cai Luan Lin

My Job

I came to the United States in March 2017. When I came here I was looking for a job as a teacher because I was a teacher in my country. But my English was poor, so I had to study English hard. Two weeks later, I started studying English and I found a part-time job. I saw a sign in the window. It said “Help Wanted” in Chinese and English. I went in inside and talked to the manager.

I’m a cashier at Fayda Bakery. I can make coffee, milk tea, and smoothies for customers. I like this job because my co-workers are very nice. The job makes me happy. I work at West 4th Street and 6th Avenue in Manhattan. The customers are mostly “lao wai,” so I speak English better than before. It was difficult in the beginning because I didn’t know what the customers were saying. I was very confused, but I still tried my best to do my work. After two weeks, I did my work very well.

I like this job because I can learn English through my job and sometimes talk to customers in English. I think I speak English better than before.

Anita Lin

My Past Job

I came to the United States in 2013. I was a cashier in my country. I had experience already, but in the United States I didn’t have experience. I didn’t know what kind of job would fit me.

When I was looking for a job, I was scared. My English was poor, so I didn’t find a job. I wanted to go to a restaurant to learn, so I went to my cousin’s friend’s restaurant. It was a Chinese restaurant. I went to the restaurant and learned how to use a cash register and learned the menu. My cousin’s friend told me I couldn’t speak English well, but he was friendly and taught me a lot.

One month later, my cousin’s friend told me, “You can work here” and I got my first job in the United States! I worked from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, with one day off. I felt tired every day. I was nervous and made many mistakes, but customers didn’t get angry. They told me, “Take it easy.” I couldn’t take orders on the phone. I just could take orders in the restaurant. The restaurant was very busy. Sometimes I had to work extra hours, but I could get more money. I didn’t like my job because I didn’t have free time.

Ruby Lin

My Job

I’m a sales assistant. My job is to sell jewelry, such as diamond rings, earrings, necklaces, and watches. My company’s name is New Pagoda. I work at 40 West 25th Street, at the Showplace Antique Center.

My work schedule is Friday to Sunday. I work on Friday from 10:30 to 6:30, and on the weekend from 7:30 to 6:30. I need to sell jewelry for my work, and sometimes I need to organize files and clean my office. I like my job because it is very interesting. My coworkers are very nice. I need to take pictures of products with a phone and print them out, test how many karats the gold is, count the number of diamonds, weigh them, and write the prices. Sometimes I need to repair jewelry.

My boss is my mother’s friend. I found my job through my mother. I started working there in 2015. I have learned a lot about jewelry and my English has improved a lot. My job is part-time, so my salary is not high, but I like my job because I can see a lot of jewelry. If I like, I can wear jewelry at work. I have excellent benefits. I have seven days of vacation a year. If I want to buy something, my boss will give me a big discount.

Ling Fang Liu

My Past Job

I worked as a waitress at a restaurant. It was a hard job. I needed to work six days a week, and my work schedule was from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. I was tired every day. I served customers, cleaned tables and chairs, and swept the floor. When the holidays came, I was busier than usual. I didn't really like this job because it was too hard, and I didn't have enough time to rest. I always felt tired. So I don't want to work as a waitress anymore in the future. And I will choose a part-time job because I want to spend more time with my family. I got my past job through a job agency, so I needed to pay the office when I got a job. But right now I can find any job from the internet, and it is all free.

In my past job, I met some nice people and coworkers. I still miss them. They were friendly and helped me many times. I'm very thankful to them.

Fan Qin

My Past Job in My Country

I worked in Shanghai before I came to the United States. I was an operations director. My job responsibilities were managing the crews in the company. And I had to make many forms for my crews. We had a meeting every morning, and we had weekly meetings as well. In the meetings, we discussed situations that happened in our company. At that time, I would prepare so many reports and documents for the meetings, and I read so many emails every day. So I was busy in my past job in my country.

I worked from Monday to Friday. I sometimes worked on weekends. My past job usually made me nervous. But I still liked my job because my co-workers were friendly and my customers were very polite to me. All of them respected me. I was glad to do something for them. I tried my best to do my own work and help my co-workers to solve their problems every day. When I had this job, I could make a lot of money. That's why I liked my job.

That's my past job. I was proud of having it. I came to the United States two years ago. I intend to find a similar job to my past job. I want to find a job in an investment company. I hope that I can find my favorite job soon.

Xiao Fang Tan

My Past Jobs

I have had several kinds of jobs so far. I spent three years in college, and at the same time, I had a part-time job as a waitress in a coffee shop. I assisted customers and offered good service every day. After that, I learned how to make coffee, and I also recognized the kinds of coffee.

After I graduated from college, I got a full-time job in a telephone customer service. I worked in the credit card center of Guang Fa Bank. I helped customers solve problems with their credit cards. Sometimes the customers were not friendly. I was angry but I had to calm down. I just worked there for three months because I didn't like that job. I wanted to find another job.

Fortunately, I got a design job through a recommendation from my friend. I worked in a cooker export company. My friend trained me how to work and taught me how to use Photoshop. I could work by myself quickly. I designed packages, posters, logos, labels, tags, flyers, and business cards. I also took photos of the products. Sometimes I went to import and export fairs; for example, Canton Fair and Houseware Fair. I loved this job because my co-workers were very nice, and they helped me a lot. I worked as a graphic designer in this company for about four years.

Later, I came back to my hometown from Guangzhou and I ran an online business. I helped people design tattoos, logos, and business cards. I had many customers but I just worked by myself.

I enjoyed designing during that time.

Two years later, I closed my online business and I came to the USA to start my new life. I don't have a job now, but I will find a job in the future. Above are my former jobs. I like working.

Dan Dan Yang

My Past Job

I was a salesperson in my country. I worked at a department store in Fuzhou, China. This department store's name was Fujian Dong Bai Group. This building had ten floors. I worked on the first floor. I worked at the Revlon cosmetics counter. My job included selling skin care products and makeup.

I had two coworkers at the cosmetics counter, and we had three shifts. We had one day off each week. We were never off on weekends or holidays because we were busy on weekends and holidays. But we got three times the pay on holidays. I liked my job so much because I liked cosmetics, and we had employee discounts for the cosmetics. And I liked to be a cosmetologist. I liked to help the customers make up. Every day after work we went out to eat with other department store employees and we could exchange our employee discount products.

Xiao Mei Zhang

My Job Is Better

When I came to America, my first job was doing sewing work. I liked it. All day I made one hundred jackets. I was very happy. For more than ten years I made jackets. It was a good job.

Because I didn't speak English, I had to do sewing work. Sometimes I helped my mother make jackets. From my mother I could make money. I could buy a new home. Twenty years ago, a home for one family was only \$18,000.

Sometimes I go shopping at Macy's. For their Thanksgiving sale things are 50% off. I like it. I can buy new jackets and new shoes. I like living in America.

Ling Ling Zhao

My Past Job

I came to the United States in 2011. When I came here, I was looking for a job as a waitress because I was a waitress in China. I had four years' experience. But when I went to an interview the supervisor didn't employ me. He told me I couldn't speak English well, so I couldn't get the job. When I heard that, I was very disappointed.

One month later my friend called me and he told me some good news. He said his restaurant needed a cashier. No experience was required. The restaurant was in New Jersey. It was a Japanese restaurant and the name was Sarku Japan. It was a franchise company. I told him I didn't know how to use a cash register and I couldn't speak English well. He said, "It doesn't matter. You can learn. The people who work there are very nice. Take it easy."

The first day I went to work I was very nervous and made many mistakes, but they didn't get angry. They encouraged me, saying, "Try your best. You can do it." After that I worked very hard and I assisted customers very well. Some customers became my friends.

I liked this job because my co-workers were friendly and the customers were generous. They always gave me tips. I worked there for three years. I was not only a cashier but also a cook. The manager taught me how to make sushi and cut fish. I was happy that I could learn more job skills.