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EDUCATION

School of International & Public Affairs, Columbia University • New York, New York May '13
MIA, Economic and Political Development, and International Conflict Resolution

Merit-based Program Assistantship in Office of Academic Affairs

California State University, Chico • Chico, California May '11
BA, International Relations (Magna Cum Laude) and German (Cum Laude), Double Major

Johannes Gutenberg University • Mainz, Germany Oct. '09 – Jul. '10
Merit-based Direct Exchange Scholarship; Coursework in Political Science and German

SKILLS & CHARACTER

- Experienced manager of qualitative and quantitative academic and field research, and capacity building projects with administration and strategic experience in Asia, Africa and the Middle East
- Impactful writer with work consulted by the Liberian government at the executive level; successfully communicated for NGOs and UN agencies for a range of causes
- Strong attention to detail; managed operations, established policies and improved efficiency for NGOs, education programs, research teams and military operations
- Technologies: Windows, OSX and Ubuntu, MS Office Suite, Visio, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Stata, HTML, Google Apps, Wordpress, and other social media and blog platforms
- Languages & international experience: German (proficient), Spanish (intermediate), worked and traveled in 38 countries on five continents

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Instructor, Andean Alliance • Huaraz, Peru Aug. '13 – Oct. '13

- Developed and instructed both a computer skills and alpine navigation course at rural community center; conducted in Spanish

Consultant, Samata Foundation and Centre for the Study of Labour & Mobility Nov. '12 – May '13

- *New York, United States; Dhading District & Kathmandu, Nepal*
- Worked with team of four Columbia SIPA colleagues to analyze the driving factors and impacts of foreign employment on Nepal's Dalit community; developed work plan, methodology, budget and logistics in coordination with clients
- Administered and categorized data from 123 quantitative surveys and qualitative assessments, and 24 interviews dealing with controversial issues or discrimination and corruption
- Analyzed data with Stata and Excel, developed graphical illustrations, coauthored and personally edited final report
- Conducted stakeholder analysis and developed illustrative diagrams using Microsoft Visio
- Presented findings to Nepali NGOs, and United Nations and World Bank representatives in both Kathmandu and at Columbia University in New York

Consultant, UNDP and United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)

Jun. '12 – Aug. '12

- *Monrovia and rural counties, Liberia*
- Managed team of four Columbia SIPA colleagues to analyze national forestry laws, governance structures, and the role of the timber sector in state- and peace-building processes; developed work plan, budget and logistics in coordination with clients
- Developed methodology, interview questionnaires and focus group guides; conducted interviews with 65 high-ranking government, private-sector, and civil society actors and administered 24 focus groups in forest communities
- Presented findings to UN clients, the UN Security Council Panel of Experts, government officials and NGOs in Monrovia
- Co-authored and personally edited *Chopping Progress*, which details findings and recommendations; *Chopping Progress* is official evidence in President Johnson-Sirleaf's Special Investigative Body, assigned to investigate criminal activities in the forestry sector

Founder, Karamoja Education Network • Moroto, Uganda

Aug. '09 – Apr. '10

- Founded registered community based organization to support Ugandan children's education by coordinating fundraising programs with elementary schools in Northern California
- Established organizational board and authored constitution, strategic plan and organizational structure in collaboration with teachers, educational administrators and government officials
- Conducted 80+ interviews with parents, tribal leaders, and government officials to analyze educational difficulties
- Directed awareness campaign with American schools; petitioned school board and established successful partnership

Volunteer Office Manager, Africa Leadership Institute • Moroto, Karamoja Region, Uganda

Jun. '09 – Sep. '09

- Assisted in planning of disarmament and human rights, and child and maternal health programs; coordinated activities with government and army, Save the Children, UNICEF, and WFP partners
- Formalized office procedures including expenditure reporting and inventory management to streamline reporting process to UNICEF and European Commission partners; defended new policies against government and military officials that disapproved of new accountability measures

Volunteer Guide, Quetzal Trekkers • Leon, Nicaragua

Jun. '09 – Aug. '09

- Organized and guided volcano hikes; profits supported local school for homeless children
- Established partnerships with local businesses and NGOs to promote hikes and establish additional fundraising activities

Sergeant, 27th Transportation Corps, U.S. Army • Wiesbaden, Germany; Kuwait; Iraq

May '03 – May '07

- Continually promoted ahead of peers and attained rank of Sergeant in less than three years; earned three Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals
- Deployed twice to Iraq to manage theater-wide logistics of personnel and equipment; with security clearance, worked 80+ hours per week dealing with highly sensitive information
- Managed helicopter terminal on Balad Airbase, Iraq; assisted in design of operating procedures
- Analyzed militant activities as the highest echelon of transportation intelligence in Iraq; strategized and adjusted US forces' routes and tactics accordingly; informed and advised Convoy, Theater and Division Commanders; ensured timely delivery of critical supplies and safety of 77,993 vehicles
- Directly assisted Battalion Commander and Command Sergeant Major with administrative tasks, reconnaissance, logistics planning, and authoring and editing of confidential memorandums