

# JOSHUA KELLER-FISH

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## EDUCATION

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**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

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- 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

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**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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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