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Professional Experience

Palm Beach Post Summer 2008 West Palm Beach, FL

- **Dow Jones Newspaper Fund online editing intern:** working with the content management system to update various Web pages, including the home page; creating interactive graphics and photo galleries; finding and adding related content to stories.

IRIN, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, U.N. Summer 2007 Nairobi, Kenya

- **Research intern:** contributed articles and interview features on the humanitarian impact of urbanization in the developing world to IRIN-News, a news service specializing in complex emergencies.

International Crisis Group August 2006 - March 2007 Brussels, Belgium

- **Media assistant:** pitched op-eds to editors, wrote press releases and acted as a liaison between journalists and regional analysts for Crisis Group, an NGO working in conflict prevention and resolution.
- In addition, gathered endorsement from over 140 former heads of state, ministers, congressional leaders, heads of international organizations and Nobel Peace Prize winners for a Middle East peace initiative statement designed to generate new momentum. It was unveiled in *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Le Monde* and *Asharq Al Awsat*.

Transparency International Summer 2005 Berlin, Germany

- **Online Communication Group intern:** fact checked the flag-ship annual *Global Corruption Report*, monitored the press for corruption-related news and researched the use of blogs to increase traffic to the Web site of T.I., an NGO fighting corruption.

BBC News Interactive August - September 2004 London, UK

- **World News intern for BBC News Online:** uploaded articles to the BBC content management system; wrote headlines, subheadings, and captions; selected photos from wires and edited them in Photoshop for articles and slide shows.

Agence France-Presse August 2004 London, UK

- **Stringer:** wrote 250- to 300-word breaking news stories in English based on press conferences and rewrites from local wires, and translated longer French ones into English on tight deadlines.

Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism New York, N.Y., USA

- **M.S. Journalism:** articles published in the *New York Post*, *Village Voice*, *AM New York* (among others) and have been blogged about; reported about Highbridge in the South Bronx during fall 2007 on issues such as African immigration and Yankee Stadium.
- **New Media concentration:** video featured on nytimes.com; multimedia Master's Project about women who decide to give birth at home; reported, produced and edited NYC24, an online multimedia magazine incorporating text, video, audio and interactives.

University of St. Andrews St Andrews, Scotland, UK

- **M.A. (Honors) International Relations:** Dissertation on economic agendas and natural resources in African civil wars; intern for the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies conflict-mapping project.
- **Collegiate journalism:** Within one year as business manager for *The Saint*, cleared the \$20,000 debt and started making profit; also served as reporter, op-ed contributor, gossip section editor for the newspaper; news broadcaster for Star FM radio.

Skills and Interests

Languages: French (fluent); German (conversational); Swahili, Arabic, Russian (beginner).
Dual French-American citizen; Educated in Japan and France.

Skills: video and audio recording and editing (Final Cut Pro, Pro Tools); web and multimedia editing (Dreamweaver, Adobe Flash); digital SLR photography and photo editing (Photoshop, Photo Mechanic).

Sports: sailing (qualified catamaran instructor), hiking (coast-to-coast hike in Northern England, Spring 2007).

References

Available on request