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Summary of Qualifications

Over 15 years experience reporting, researching, and analyzing political and economic factors in international conflict, economic development, humanitarian aid, and human rights. Wrote and edited for national and international publications. Led communications strategies for multilateral organizations. Wrote speeches, op-eds, and analysis for UN officials. Experience with UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIFEM, World Food Programme, USAID/USDA, and US State Department. Worked in East Africa, Middle East, Central Eastern Europe, Cuba, Madagascar, and Mexico.

EXPERIENCE

12/07 to present **Independent Contractor**

Nairobi, Kenya; New York, NY; San Francisco, CA

- Prepared Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict in Somalia presented to the Security Council in accordance with SCR 1612 for **UNICEF Somalia** (2008 and 2009). Researched security, political developments, as well as international responses and child protection measures. Analyzed interviews with victims and victims' families.
- Reviewed draft assessment, situational analysis, and raw data, conducted additional research, and wrote report on needs, resources, and gaps in services for vulnerable children and youth in Kitgum, Northern Uganda for **UNICEF** implementing agency, World Learning.
- Interviewed State Department/USAID project leads and wrote lessons learned and best practices for **State Department** Global Partnership Center contractor, SSG.
- Edited report on private prenatal care in Latin America for the **Inter-American Development Bank**.

5/08 to 10/08 **Communications Specialist, UNDP**

New York, NY

- Drafted communications materials for Growing Inclusive Markets report launch in over 25 countries, including website content, press kits, fact sheets, talking points, speeches and op-eds for UNDP Administrator Kemal Dervis and others.
- Provided assistance in developing and nurturing strategic partnerships with key international media organizations.
- Helped edit and re-vise the look of the final report, website, and summaries.

7/07 to 11/07 **Public Information Consultant, World Food Programme**

United Nations, New York, NY

- Liaised with news media, provided information to reporters, and wrote news releases and talking points.
- Part of small communications team that developed outreach on North American publicity campaigns and projects with corporate donors; worked on visibility efforts with FEED bags and FreeRice.com; and helped define the focus of WFP going forward.
- Created a visibility strategy for "Darfur Now," a documentary.
- Coordinated joint outreach efforts and strategic partnerships with Chefs for Humanity and Chronicle Books.

11/05 to 5/07 **Contributing Writer, "Not On Our Watch"**

- Wrote one-third and edited the entire *New York Times* bestselling book *Not On Our Watch: A Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond* with Don Cheadle and John Prendergast (Hyperion, May 2007).

1/99 to 7/07 **Freelance Writer/Editor**

3/93 to 4/97 **New York, NY; Washington, DC; Berkeley, CA**

- Publications include: *Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Slate*, and *Wired*.
- Organizations include: Catholic Relief Services, Center for Investigative Reporting, Committee to Protect Journalists, Foreign Policy Institute, PEN International, UNHCR, and USAID/USDA ("Food Security in the Greater Horn of Africa").
- Covered political and social trends, elections and women's rights in Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, Poland and the United States; sports diplomacy and

economy in Cuba; economic developments and financial markets in Israel, West Bank, and Jordan; and international relief efforts and the mining industry in Madagascar.

- 7/03 to 7/05 **Reporter/Researcher, Vanity Fair**
New York, NY
- Researched stories such as “Path to War,” “Order the Fish: America’s Beef is Rotten,” “Tom DeLay’s Hard Drive,” and “The New Establishment.”
 - Worked with legal team, editors, and writers to fact check, ensure legalities, and light edit.
- 2/03 to 6/03 **Temporary Associate Editor, *Foreign Affairs***
New York, NY
- Reviewed and edited manuscripts.
 - Oversaw “Recent Books” section: chose books for review, managed 10 writers, and edited review capsules.
- 9/99 to 3/00 **International Policy Reporter, TheStreet.com**
New York, NY
- Covered international political and economic developments with a particular focus on emerging and converging economies.
 - Reported from the WTO Ministerial in Seattle and IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings.
- 5/98 to 1/99 **Reporter, AP Dow Jones**
New York, NY
- Reported on U.S. corporate bond, Treasury and equity markets.
 - Worked with *Wall Street Journal* bond reporters to produce pieces for “Credit Markets”.
- 5/97 to 5/98 **Reporter, Financial Times**
Washington, DC
- Reported on foreign policy, trade, technology and economic trends. Articles included “Amateur wrestlers get to grips with a thaw in US-Iran hostilities,” “Gingrich and spirit of Ulan Bator,” “A taxing problem for cyberspace trade,” “Women still Clinton’s biggest fans,” and “Net gains for rural poor.”
 - Conceptualized, researched, and organized out-of-town reports for senior editors.
- 2/94 to 2/96 **Creator and Executive Director, Women in Multimedia**
Berkeley/ San Francisco, CA
- Created and directed Women in Multimedia, a non-profit organization of 300 members world-wide that supports women's leadership and equal participation in digital media.
 - Chaired board of directors, coordinated volunteers, and developed mission statement and program calendar.
 - Conceptualized, planned and coordinated, "Women in Multi-Media," held at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco.

EDUCATION

The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
MA, International Affairs, concentration in International Economics

University of California at Berkeley
BA, Mass Communications, French Minor

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- On UNHCR International Professional Roster (P-3).
- UNA Fellow in the press section of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Washington, DC.

LANGUAGES

French: fluent, German: advanced, Spanish: beginning, American Sign Language: beginning.