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## EDUCATION

- Graduate Study:** London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom *Dec 2009*  
MSc. International Politics & Communication  
Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar
- Undergraduate Study:** American University, Washington, D.C. *May 2006*  
B.A. International Relations, Business Minor  
B.A. International Media and Politics  
Campaign Management Institute *January 2006*  
GPA 3.94/4.0, Honors In Both Degrees
- Honors & Awards:** Presidential Scholar (Full Tuition)  
Graduated Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa  
Stafford H. "Pop" Cassell Award Winner  
Commencement Speaker

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Manager, Volunteer Recruitment & Polling Day Operations, Lib Dems, London, UK** *April 2010-May 2010*
- Coordinated Election Day operations for 64 polling stations, covering over 100,000 voters.
  - Recruited, organized, and trained over 500 volunteers for the duration of the campaign.
  - Supervised 12 Ward-level Volunteer Coordinators, developing action plan to streamline implementation.
  - Saw best-ever results for MP candidate (Simon Hughes) & local councilor positions.
- International Travel Correspondent, Net Adventures Inc., San Diego, CA, USA** *May 2009 – Present*
- Write political context pieces and travel guides for cities and countries on four continents as the primary international correspondent, with more than fifty works published over six months.
- Global Spokesperson, Ashoka: Innovator's For The Public Youth Initiative, Global** *Aug. 2006 – Dec. 2008*
- Developed & secured funding for 5-continent, 15-country tour to document global youth movements.
  - Managed corporate relationships and content creation with Hill & Knowlton PR, MySpace and MTVU, which included writing press releases and media appearances on CNN, Fox News, & NPR.
  - Produced, directed & edited 8 short documentaries on youth social change published online & on DVD.
  - Member of web re-development team, overseeing \$50,000 upgrade of online presence alongside integrated Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, & Youtube campaigns.
- English Teacher Trainer, Shanghai Public School System, Shanghai, China** *August 2006 – February 2007*
- Taught English language lessons in 3 public schools to 420 grade 1 to grade 5 low-income students.
  - Planned and hosted English language seminars for Chinese teachers on effective teaching methods.
  - Developed English language curriculum and lesson implementation activities for grades 1 through 5.
- President, Undergraduate Student Government, AU, Washington, DC,** *April 2005- May 2006*
- Acted as sole representative for 5,550 undergraduate students at university administrative and board-level.
  - Developed, authored and implemented university-wide policy initiatives with \$540,000 budget & 100 staff, including creation of campus-wide branding campaign that engaged 90% of students.
  - Chaired DC Student Association, working on issues that affect all Washington DC area college students.
- Founder, Operation Outreach, Washington, DC,** *February 2003 – May 2009*
- Created tutoring and mentoring program for third-graders at an elementary school in Washington DC.
  - Organized twice-weekly tutoring trips, recruiting over 500 volunteers to participate and mentor.
  - Coordinated yearly campus visit for 100 students, facilitating workshops in reading and science.

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## CONSULTING & PARTNERSHIPS

### Member, Youth Working Group, UK Department for International Development, *February 2009-Present*

- Offer key recommendations on best practices for engaging young people in the UK's international development initiatives to be part of their 2009 strategic plan overhaul.
- Assist in design and development of online youth social change community called X-change.
- Plan and implement Latin America & The Caribbean regional youth conference.

### UN & Unicef, New York & Latin American & The Caribbean, *September 2007 – August 2008*

- Assist in design and development of online youth social change community called X-change.
- Plan and implement Latin America & The Caribbean regional youth conference.

### World Bank, Youthink (The Bank's Youth Development Initiative), *September 2007-August 2008*

- Featured online global development editor for international journal at [youthinkblog.worldbank.org/blog](http://youthinkblog.worldbank.org/blog)

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Living and working long-term in-country:** China, Belgium, England, South Africa
- **Working in-country:** Nicaragua, Guatemala, Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, India, Thailand, Canada, Mexico.
- **Studying & Researching in-country:** Laos, Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Ireland, Sweden, Germany, Czech Republic, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Republic of Serbia, Slovenia, Hungary, Turkey, Austria, Italy, Greece.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- **French:** Intermediate Proficiency
- **Chinese:** Intermediate Proficiency
- **Spanish:** Beginning Proficiency

## ADDITIONAL INTERESTS & SKILLS

### Public Speaking

- **Keynote Speaker, United Nations World Youth Congress, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada** *August 2008*
- **Keynote Speaker** (w/ Mohammad Yunus), **Grameen Social Business Conference, Denver, March 2008**

### Competitive Swimming, *July 1992-Present*

- Swam 25-mile open water **Dover Marathon** in July 2009, **raising \$10,000 for charity.**
- **Achieved fastest world results** in 1-mile ocean swim for '18 and under' in *1999, 2000, 2001.*
- **Academic All-American Status** –Awarded to 0.1% of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) college athletes who perform well both in their sport and in the classroom.

### Experienced photographer and videographer, shooting stills, scenery, portraits and action in 30 countries.

- LSE Photo Prize Award Winner
- The White House Museum Featured Photographer
- Published In: Source Magazine, The Claire Market Review, & The Orange County Register
  - Writing Sample: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/-225014--.html>

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST