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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University**, School of International and Public Affairs

Master of International Affairs (2004-2006).

Concentrations in Economic and Political Development and Public Health.

**University of California, San Francisco**

Ph.D. in Cell Biology (1990-1995).

Offered Fulbright scholarship but accepted more complete support from other scholarships.

**University of Adelaide**, South Australia, Bachelor of Science with Honors (1986-1989).

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## PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE

**Director, Market Access (2008-) and Senior Communications Officer (2007-2008)**

*The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, New York, NY* ([www.tballiance.org](http://www.tballiance.org))

Analyse policy options, conduct studies, and engage stakeholders to define the TB Alliance's market readiness approach. Aim is to identify the broader health systems context for TB drug delivery, the place of new TB drugs within that context, and mechanisms to ensure successful adoption, availability, and affordability of new TB drugs.

Drafted strategy for new Market Access Department. Conducted demand forecasting for new drugs, and defined options for product presentation. Directed studies on the private sector TB drug market, public sector regimen change, and the adoption pathways for new TB drugs in the 22 countries with the highest TB burdens. Reviewed drug management of Kenya's National TB Program as part of WHO/KNCV program review. Co-convened first large-scale meeting on access between product development partnerships.

*World Health Organization (WHO), Papua New Guinea Country Office*

*Jan-Feb 2010; Consultancy, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea*

Coordinated development of a Continuity of Services (CoS) application to the Global Fund, in cooperation with Papua New Guinea's CCM and national HIV/AIDS program. After the conclusion of Round 4 funding, CoS will provide funding for continued treatment of 7,000 individuals already on antiretroviral drugs.

*World Health Organization (WHO), Western Pacific Regional Office*

*December 2008; Consultancy, Manila, Philippines*

Evaluated WHO's regional involvement with Global Fund activities, resulting in a published policy document.

*May 2007-June 2007; Consultancy, Manila, Philippines, and Guilin, China*

Drafted an Asia-Pacific Operational Framework for Linking STI/HIV Services with Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health. Moderated regional consultation and incorporated feedback to complete final, published guidance.

*United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Cambodia*

*Mar-May 2007; Consultancy, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

Coordinated development of the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) subcomponent of Cambodia's application for Round 7 of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. This included overseeing the procedure for selection of subrecipients, working with subrecipients to ensure a unified programmatic focus and budgeting and M&E process, writing the proposal text, and collaborating with the Ministry of Social Affairs to identify their priorities and develop their proposal. The grant was fully funded.

*Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR)*

*April-June 2006; Consultancy, New York, USA*

Wrote 30-page advocacy paper explaining need for MSM prevention programs in Asia. CD copies were distributed to all registrants at the 2006 Toronto AIDS meeting.

**Mar-Aug 2005; Consultancy, New York, USA and Kobe, Japan**

Wrote successful grant application for the International Epidemiologic Database to Evaluate AIDS, including a 35 page research plan and multi-million dollar budget.

**World Health Organization (WHO), Cambodia**

**Nov 2005-Feb 2006; Consultancy, New York, USA, and Phnom Penh and provincial sites, Cambodia**

Assessment of the positive and negative spillover effects of HIV programs (specifically, the Continuum of Care (CoC)) on the rest of the healthcare system in Cambodia. The CoC links together multiple aspects and providers of HIV care.

**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Sudan**

**Oct 2005-Apr 2006; Group Consultancy, New York, USA, and Khartoum, Sudan**

Population and Reproductive Health Assessment for UN country team.

**Family Health International (FHI), Cambodia**

**Dec 2005-Jan 2006; Consultancy, New York, USA and Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Analyzed data and edited text for FHI's evaluation of its HIV/AIDS prevention program among military personnel.

## **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

**News Director (2006-2007), Senior News Editor (2004-2006) and News Editor (2001-2004)**

**Rockefeller University Press, New York, NY** ([www.rockefeller.edu/rupress](http://www.rockefeller.edu/rupress); [www.jcb.org](http://www.jcb.org); [www.jem.org](http://www.jem.org))

Created news sections in two major scientific journals, then wrote, commissioned and edited for these news sections. This involved hiring and directly supervising three staff writers, multiple freelance writers, and two designers, and coordinating production with ~20 additional editorial staff.

Directed redesigns of both journals and oversaw public policy for a University Press. Acted as both a participant in and reporter on policy debates. Invited to speak on science policy at Harvard Medical School and other locations, and to teach science writing courses at University of Pennsylvania, Harvard Medical School, Rockefeller University, and Beijing University (course later modified for CARE, WHO and FHI in Cambodia). Reporting involved coverage of and travel to sites across North America, Europe, and Asia.

**Freelance Scientific Writer and Editor (1996-2001)**

Wrote hundreds of feature and news articles for publications including *New Scientist* and *Forbes*.

Wrote educational materials (distributed nationally) for schools and US congress.

Sole staff writer for major US National Academy of Sciences report on "Scientific and Medical Aspects of Human Reproductive Cloning".

**In-house Editor (1995-1996)**

**Current Biology Ltd., San Francisco, CA.**

Reached editorial decisions on accepting research manuscripts.

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## **Volunteer Work and Additional Skills**

Volunteered at: Shanti, help for those with HIV/AIDS, San Francisco, CA; and East Harlem Tuition Project, New York, NY.

Some knowledge of Japanese and Mandarin; limited French.

Proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop, STATA, Quark.

For links to many of the reports and articles listed above, go to [www.biotext.com](http://www.biotext.com)