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SUMMARY

- » **Media professional** with nine years of freelance reporting experience in more than 25 countries, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan and Rwanda, under tight deadlines, producing radio, print, photo and multimedia content.
- » **Media development/training** in remote rural areas of post-conflict Sudan for radio journalists with USAID-funded project. As a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Romania, organized and taught journalism in 13 cities to about 450 Romanians.
- » **U.S. military veteran** specialized in media and public affairs, including in Iraq. Produced daily TV newscast, anchored worldwide radio newscast, edited U.S. Navy warship newspaper and newscast, managed team of reporters/photographers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INTERNEWS — Sudan

International non-profit media development organization

Assistant Resident Journalism Advisor, Jan. 2010 to Present

Trains Sudanese radio journalists at five USAID-funded community radio stations in remote rural areas of Sudan.

- » Led multiple **election media literacy workshops** for journalists and community leaders in the run-up to Sudan's first democratic elections in 24 years.
- » Wrote **public service announcements** for the elections, Southern Kordofan census. Aired to 1.3 million people.
- » Facilitated creation of community radio advisory boards with local leaders, INGOs, CSOs, and community.
- » Assisted with \$500,000 **grant proposal** on religious freedoms for U.S. government agency.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS — Worldwide

Radio broadcasts and print publications, including National Public Radio, British Broadcasting Corporation, Radio France International, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Deutsche Welle Radio, Voice of America, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, Raidió Teilifís Éireann, Public Radio International, Pacifica Radio, Wall Street Journal, Alternet and Inter Press Service.

Freelance Reporter, June 2001 to Present

Freelanced from across the Middle East, Asia, Africa and North America, including Pakistan, Syria, Palestine, Kosovo and about 25 other countries. **Filed daily headlines and features** about socioeconomic, political and development issues.

- » Throughout Asia, including Afghanistan, reported on **development work** done by UN and NGOs.
- » Served as **Tokyo correspondent for two years**, filing stories regularly on North Korea's nuclear capabilities.
- » Interviewed militant leaders in rebel-controlled territory in Sri Lanka and Burma, focusing on use of child soldiers.
- » While based in D.C., worked from the **White House** and Capitol Hill providing content to national talk radio news shows around U.S. Produced nationally broadcast *Doug Stephan's Good Day* and *The Right Side with Armstrong Williams*.

U.S. PEACE CORPS — Romania

Worldwide governmental development organization

Volunteer, May 2008 to Jan. 2010

Focused on youth **media development**. Taught 10 weekly English classes to about 300 students and adults.

- » Conducted two-day workshops with **14 hours of self-created journalism training in 13 cities**, teaching about 380 high school students, 65 teachers, eight university students, and eight journalists.
- » Organized, with Romanian colleagues, a nationwide English-language journalism camp for about 60 high school students from 37 cities. Managed 10 Romanian teachers and 10 Peace Corps volunteers at the week-long event.
- » Published 130-page book titled "Primii Pași în Jurnalism" (First Steps in Journalism) with Romanian journalists, teachers, students about basic media skills. Distributed to 60 school and local libraries around Romania.
- » Worked with U.S. embassy public affairs professionals to write, translate, and transmit **press releases** about my projects, resulting in positive publicity in about 30 national, regional and local publications in print, TV and radio.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE *(CONTINUED)*

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK TOKYO — Tokyo, Japan USS PELELIU PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE — San Diego, United States

American military public affairs system creates content for internal and external publications

U.S. Navy Journalist, Sept. 2001 to Sept. 2006

While based in Japan, served as **producer of daily, internationally-broadcast 30-minute video newscast** and anchored regional news center's radio newscast. **Working independently**, reported from across Asia to produce radio and video stories on military-related news. When transferred to USS Peleliu, **managed and trained** about eight junior journalists and photographers in production of ship's newspaper and TV newscast while serving as **editor and reporter**.

- » Completed public affairs work with multinational forces in Iraq and the Northern Persian Gulf to promote U.S. Navy and Marine Corp's mission.
- » As editor of the ship paper, **led the public affairs office to win its first media award, best Navy newspaper**.
- » Photography & print articles published by **TIME, AP, Reuters, Washington Post, USA Today**, Seattle Times, ABC News, Yahoo! News, All Hands, Marines, Navy Times, Army Times, and other civilian and military publications.
- » Spearheaded redesign of AFN Tokyo newscast, using advanced Avid graphics, leading to its 1st place award in worldwide media contest. Developed USS Peleliu's first digital video newscast.
- » **Won military's top photojournalism award**. Selected as runner-up Navy Journalist of the Year.
- » Redesigned American Forces Network Tokyo website while serving as webmaster.
- » Won six video and radio awards in worldwide military and civilian media contests.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in International Relations (Projected Graduation: Spring 2011; Current GPA: 4.0)

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Bachelor's Degree in Communications/Journalism (DEAN'S LIST)
Associate's Degree in General Studies

BRIDGE LINGUATEC LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate

DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL

Basic Journalism/Broadcasting Course (DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- » Free Speech Radio News (Chair, Board of Directors; Member, Strategic Planning Committee; Member, Hiring Committee)
 - Responsible for nearly \$600,000 budget, which include 7.5 staff positions
- » Canada Afghanistan Solidarity Committee (Founding Member)
- » Iraq Veterans Against the War (Veteran and National Media Team Leader)
 - Led media outreach for Winter Soldier Europe in March 2009
- » Society of Professional Journalists / Canadian Association of Journalists / Global Radio News / ZUMA Press (Member)
- » National Peace Corps Association / Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Greater New York (Member)
- » Africa Village Project / Trei Frați Patați / IAȘIMUN (Webmaster)

LANGUAGES

- » English (Native)
- » Romanian/Moldovan (Advanced)
- » Spanish (Intermediate)