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EDUCATION

- Master of Philosophy, Modern Middle Eastern Studies** University of Oxford (2012)
- *Tutorials: Cyberpolitics, Mass Media, Gender & Development*
 - *Thesis: LGBTQI+ Community Identity Formation in the Middle East (Distinction)*
- Bachelor of Journalism, Convergence Media: International** (GPA 3.97/4.00) University of Missouri (2010)
- *Press Trip Representative in Jordan, Egypt, Qatar & Canada*
 - *Peter Jennings First Amendment Fellow, Journalism & Natural Resources Fellow*
- Bachelor of Arts, International Studies: Middle East** (GPA 3.97/4.00) University of Missouri (2010)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma** (GPA 4.00/4.00, Valedictorian) Wausau, WI, USA (2006)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Founding Director, Taboom Media** Cape Town (Spring 2018 – Present)
- *Train & mentor journalists & activists to improve media coverage of LGBTQI+ rights & religion*
 - *Write reporting guides & edit trainees' stories for publication*
 - *Developed & manage Media Monitoring & Response Coalition & online platform*
- Writer, Editor, Media Trainer & Consultant, Freelance** Cape Town (Fall 2015 – Present)
- *Write & edit feature stories, books & reports for KAICIID Dialogue Centre, European Journalism Centre, Rafto Foundation, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Arcus Foundation, Children's Radio Foundation & International Media Support*
 - *Media training & consulting for Thomson Reuters, Internews, National Endowment for Democracy, National Democratic Institute, COSPE, DignityUSA, The Other Foundation & Global Investigative Journalism Network*
- Director of Global Strategy, Religion News Service** London & Cape Town (Fall 2012 – Spring 2018)
- *Designed & managed international projects, trained journalists & fundraised*
 - *Commissioned, edited & reported stories as Global Religious Freedom & LGBTQI+ Series Editor*
- Digital Policy Advisor, Index on Censorship** London (Winter – Summer 2013)
- *Wrote & commissioned policy reports & editorial pieces on global challenges to digital freedom of expression*
 - *Represented Index's positions in external media & at international conferences in the EU, USA & Latin America*
- Online Editor & Advisor, Free Speech Debate** Oxford (Spring 2011 – Fall 2012)
- *Wrote, commissioned, edited & produced articles, newsletters & podcasts on freedom of expression*
 - *Planned UK, USA & Tunisia launch events. Managed Twitter, Facebook, AdWords, Analytics & WordPress*
- Associate Product Marketing Manager Intern, Google** London (Summer 2011)
- *Produced Middle East & Africa market analysis & managed marketing campaigns for Maps & eBooks*
- Mobile Journalist, Vericorder Technology** Vancouver (Spring 2010)
- *Produced audio slideshows & trained journalists on innovative iPhone software at Winter Olympics*
- Election Intern, Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections** Beirut (Summer 2009)
- *Monitored & reported on 2009 parliamentary elections across Lebanon*
- Public Relations Intern, Memac Ogilvy** Dubai (Spring 2009)
- *Organized press coverage, interviews & events for Volvo & Nike product campaigns*
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary International** Dubai (2008 – 2009)
- *Delivered presentations to 20 groups in Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan, Armenia, Georgia, Bahrain & the UAE*
- Editorial Intern, Standard & Poor's Financial Services** New York City (Summer 2008)
- *Edited magazine content highlighting global credit trends & produced one dozen Credit Market Podcasts*
- Enterprise Reporter, Inter Press Service News Agency** United Nations (Summer 2007)
- *Investigated & reported on marginalized communities & environmental justice from the UN Headquarters*

HONORS

- Marshall Scholarship** University of Oxford (2010 – 2012)
- US Department of State Critical Language Scholarships**
- *World Learning Center Arabic Summer Institute* Muscat, Oman (Summer 2010)
 - *American School of Tangier Arabic Summer Institute* Tangier, Morocco (Summer 2009)
- Clinton Scholarship, American University in Dubai** Dubai, UAE (2008 – 2009)