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WORK EXPERIENCE

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction February 2022 – Present

Remote

Program Analyst

- Write and edit reports regarding information found over the course of an audit to be given to Congress and published on the SIGAR website
- Analyze criteria for auditing based on latest federal guidelines and determine compliance or noncompliance of programs and agencies being audited
- Conduct interviews with members of USAID, the State Department, and their implementing partners, including developing questions and debriefing senior members of SIGAR
- Continue training courses at USIP, GAO, DOD, among others in topics relevant to auditing, necessary tools, and international relations and peacebuilding
- Won an award for audit proposal ideas
- Complete tracing and verifying and referencing on final reports
- Accepted to DEIA Council as head of the Survey Committee; created then analyzed results of annual DEIA survey

ImpactCurve Global Consulting

May – November 2021

Remote

Editor

- Edited full RFPs including budgets
- Consulted on program creation through logic models, adhering to specific requests and budgets

Yuva Group for Women & Children Trauma Victims

November 2020 – December 2021

Shingal, Iraq and Remote

June 2017 – September 2017

Consultant

- Provided hands-on education in appropriate mental health paradigms to Yazidi volunteers in Dohuk and neighboring villages on Sinjar Mountain serving internally displaced people (IDP)
- Worked with local volunteers to provide mental health and social support for IDP trauma victims and survivors of sexual slavery
- Created and edited website content

Strategic Capacity Group

August 2019 – September 2020

McLean, VA

Project Coordinator

- Recruited by the security sector reform focused nonprofit to serve as a key member of the Mali Academies of Excellence Program, as well as provide research, development, and logistical support on a variety of projects throughout Africa and Asia
- Organized and attended first annual conference for Women in Law Enforcement in Manila
- Assessed the organizational and pedagogical capacities of the National Guard in Bamako
- Led the creation of a series of instructor professionalization events for the Malian security forces (National Guard, National Police, Gendarmerie, and Civil Service Protection)
 - Conducted M&E and follow up analysis on training programs

Islamic Theology of Counter-Terrorism

February – September 2019

Remote

South Asia Policy Desk Member

- Researching, writing, and editing articles on topics related to national security and geopolitics for online and print editions alone and as part of a team, including three chapters in *Marketing Terrorism: The Continental Fear from Middle East to Asia and Africa*, edited by Noor Dahri.

International Institute for Counter-Terrorism

May – August 2018

Herzliya, Israel

Research Intern; Coordinator, Executive Program Conference

- Worked with academics and professionals in the field of Security Studies researching impact of ISIS governance on civilian population in Nangarhar, Afghanistan
- Organized and facilitated multi-national Executive Program annual conference of academic and military securities professionals, including logistics such as scheduling, travel, and faculty preparation
- Worked with director of the law and security program on United Nations grant proposal for research into use of AI in defense technology

Yazda / Global Yazidi Organization

March – September 2017

Dohuk, Kurdistan Region, Iraq and Remote

Volunteer and Advisor; Manager, 2014 Yazidi Genocide UN Assessment Report

- Worked with US-based 501(c)(3) international NGO supporting Yazidi refugees worldwide following the August 2014 genocide
- Gathered and compiled available financial documentation to support continuation of UN programs for IDP victims of the 2014 Yazidi Genocide for required audit
- Interviewed and recorded personal testimony of survivors including women and children survivors of sexual slavery to raise awareness and garner international support for victims
- Met with tribal leaders to document efforts to rebuild educational facilities in war-damaged ancestral villages and to explore options for accessing international financial support

Freelance Writer & Editor

- Write poetry and fiction for online and print publications
 - *Fantasy and Science Fiction Magazine* 2021
 - Literary anthologies and magazines, including *BlazeVox*; 2019 – Present
The RavensGate; *Cathexis Northwest*; *Havik*; *Rising Phoenix Review*; *Anti-Heroine Chic*; *Thirty West Publishing*, *Poet's Choice*; *WayWords*
 - *Return Home* podcast 2013 – 2019
 - Wrote and edited full length episodes for award-winning weekly comedy/horror podcast serializing stories in the style of early radio shows
 - Winner of 2017 PARSEC Award for Best Speculative Fiction Story: Large Cast
- Published *And My Blood Sang*, a collection of poetry, by Tim Saunders Publications 2023

EDUCATION

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

May 2019

Medford, MA

GPA 3.9

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy

- Fields of Study:
 - Human Security
 - International Security Studies
- Thesis: *Human Security, Economic Vulnerability, and Terrorism in Afghanistan*
- Editor of *The Fletcher Security Review*

University of Chicago

March 2014

Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts with Multiple Honors, English Literature