

## Maia Brown-Jackson

### 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, and DOD among others in topics relevant to auditing, necessary tools for project management and report writing, 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 for upper management as well as organization-wide dispersal

#### *Yuva Group for Women & Children Trauma Victims*

October 2023 – Present

##### **Remote**

November 2020 – December 2021

Volunteer

- 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
- Developed website content
- Organized and implemented project recording diverse speakers discussing the importance of education

#### *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

#### *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

- 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 Journal*; 2019 – Present  
*The RavensGate*; *Cathexis Northwest Press*; *Havik*; *Rising Phoenix Review*; *Anti-Heroin Chic Magazine*; *Thirty West Publishing*, *Poet's Choice*; *WayWords Literary Journal*
  - *Return Home*, a horror-comedy podcast 2013 – 2019
    - Winner of the 2017 PARSEC Award for Best Speculative Fiction Story: *Large Cast*
- Published a solo collection of poetry: *And My Blood Sang* 2023

**EDUCATION**

**The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University**

May 2019

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy

GPA 3.9

- 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

Bachelor of Arts with Multiple Honors, English Literature