

## Maia Brown-Jackson

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### ***Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction*** **Remote**

February 2022 – Present

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
- Examine quantitative and qualitative data for inconsistencies and recall that knowledge when presented with related information
- 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 award for audit proposal ideas
- Complete fact checking 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 with editing and fact checking while working on primary report
- Frequently take the initiative to provide independent research for my team and others
- Remember and verify details of information from any point throughout the course of an audit, multiple times finding and fixing report inaccuracies before they are presented to non-team members

#### ***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
- Created official website and developed content
- Introduced, organized, and implemented fundraising event of diverse poets reading on trauma and resilience

#### ***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
- Provided three chapters for *Marketing Terrorism: The Continental Fear from Middle East to Asia and Africa*, edited by Noor Dahri

**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

**Freelance Writer & Editor**

- Academic publication credits on topics of terrorism and counterterrorism (including specifics on the Taliban and the Islamic State, recruitment tactics, and the rise of foreign fighters), Afghanistan, MENA, India and Pakistan, governance, gender, ethnic cleansing, human rights, and human security
- Poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction
  - Literary anthologies and journals, including *Fantasy and Science Fiction Magazine*; *BlazeVox Journal*; *The RavensGate*; *Prime Number Magazine*; *Havik*; *Rising Phoenix Review*; *Anti-Heroine Chic Magazine*; *Thirty West Publishing*, *Poet's Choice*; *WayWords Literary Journal*; *Poet's Choice*; *Nat 1 Publishing*; and more
    - Winner of the 2024 Press 53 Summer Challenge
  - The podcasts *Return Home* and *Kaidankai*
    - Winner of the 2017 PARSEC Award for Best Speculative Fiction Story: Large Cast
- The poetry collection, *And My Blood Sang*, Tim Saunders Publications

**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

GPA 3.8