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Accomplished **journalist, researcher, and instructor** with fourteen years of experience managing complex research ventures, writing policy and advocacy reports, and developing comprehensive media training programs. Specializing in field research techniques covering international human rights, elections, and rule of law topics. Holds M.A. in Business and Economic Journalism and B.S. in Mass Communications.

- Curriculum Development
 - Journalism Training
 - Human Rights Research
 - Elections Coverage
 - Policy Writing & Advocacy
 - Fluent in Persian (Dari)
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

San Jose State University (California) – **Journalism Instructor (Consultant)** – June 2012 – Present

- Develop journalism, human rights reporting, media law, and mass communications curriculum
- Teach in-person and online classes to professors at two public universities in Afghanistan
- Work with professors to develop effective classroom journalism teaching techniques

Christian Science Monitor (Freelance) - **Reporter** - August 2003 to Present

- Research political, social, and economic stories in Afghanistan
- Write news and feature stories for print and online editions

Amnesty International – **Human Rights Research Consultant** – Asia Pacific Program – October 2008 – September 2011

- Monitored human rights environment in Afghanistan and developed methodologies for research
- Conducted research missions, often times on sensitive topics and in challenging environments
- Authored research reports, press releases, media briefings, and other advocacy material
- Met with high-level government officials to advocate for key human rights recommendations

New View Films - **Co-Producer** - Frontrunner - (90 minute documentary film) - December 2002 – February 2008 - <http://www.frontrunnermovie.com/>

- Co-produced film about the 2004 Presidential Elections in Afghanistan and the first Afghan woman who ran for president
- Interviewed elections experts, presidential candidates, diplomats, and campaign supporters
- Traveled with candidates to document campaigning process

Los Angeles Times (Freelance) - **Reporter** - December 2004 – October 2005

- Traveled extensively to research legal, political, and human rights news stories in Afghanistan
- Interviewed government officials, diplomats, military personnel and other key sources
- Wrote news stories under daily deadlines and in challenging reporting environments

San Francisco Chronicle (Freelance) – **Reporter** – February 2006 – September 2006

- Developed feature stories for various sections of print and online editions

MSNBC Television News - **Associate News Producer** – April 2000 to February 2001

- Researched and developed story ideas for national news documentary series
- Traveled nationally and internationally to conduct interviews
- Wrote and produced segments for national television news programs

Group One Media – 1TV - Afghanistan – **Media Adviser and Journalism Trainer** (Consultant) – April 2012 – July 2012

- Developed training modules on International News Standards, Media Ethics, Television News Production, Human Rights Reporting, and Business & Economic Reporting
- Conducted trainings for News and Current Affairs departments

KBWB WB20 - San Francisco – **Writer/ Field Producer** (Freelance) – Jul. 1999 to Apr. 2000 - -

- Researched and wrote breaking news stories and features
- Produced a monthly segment profiling inspirational youth in the Bay Area

KNTV Newschannel 11 -San Jose – **Assignment News Desk Editor** - September 1997 – July 1999

- Monitored local news wires/ newspapers and police scanners for breaking news
- Assigned news stories to a team of writers and reporters
- Managed daily story boards and collaborated with videographers and video editors

Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) – **Journalism Trainer** - April 2004 - October 2004

- Developed editorial and administrative policies for Afghanistan's first private news agency
- Trained journalists in International Journalism Standards

NAI Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan & Internews – **Curriculum Development Consultant** – August 2012 – October 2012

- Researched Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in Afghanistan
- Developed teaching materials for a 40-hour training program on reporting on SGBV
- Trained team of 6 journalism instructors in teaching the SGBV reporting program to other journalists

Human Rights Watch – **Women's Rights Consultant** – Women's Rights Division – January 2008 – September 2008

- Researched and developed human rights report about access to education for Afghan girls
- Prepared and conducted field research trip for team of three researchers
- Developed advocacy plan for research report

United Nations (UNDP) – **Co-Author** – Afghanistan Human Development Report – October 2006 – July 2007

- Authored various chapters/ sections of the 100-page report
- Researched rule of law institutions in Afghanistan, the Afghanistan National Development Strategy, poverty indicators, human rights issues, and political developments
- Interviewed key sources and contributed to the development of a nationwide rule of law survey

World Bank – **Project Manager & Communications Trainer** (Consultant) - South Asia Division - May 2006– September 2006

- Developed project plan to train public relations personnel in 11 Afghan governmental ministries and Institutions, including the Ministry of Finance, the Afghan National Assembly, and the Afghan Investment Support Agency
- Conducted trainings and capacity building workshops for 70 government employees in communication skills and planning

Institute for Media, Policy, and Civil Society – **Media Adviser** - December 2004 – September 2005

- Pursued funding opportunities with international aid agencies for civil society projects
- Developed advocacy materials and funding proposals for media training and women's projects
- Mentored a team of new managers in management, finance, and small business operations

United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) - **Writer/ Producer (Consultant)** - March 2005 – May 2005
- Developed media strategy for UNIFEM's International Women's Day events in Afghanistan
- Produced television and radio public service announcements

Center for International Private Enterprises (CIPE) - **Instructor (Consultant)** - December 2004 – June 2006
- Developed program strategy for introducing business journalism to Afghan journalists
- Prepared manual to be used for teaching basic business and economic principles to journalists
- Taught classes about basic business journalism and economic topics

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan – **Media Adviser (Consultant)** – May 2002 to August 2002
- Outlined organizational and budgetary plans for Afghanistan's Presidential media office
- Edited governmental press releases and presidential public statements

Open Society Institute (Freelance) – **Reporter/ Writer** – Eurasianet - May 2002 to July 2002
- Reported on the 2002 presidential election (via a grand assembly) in Afghanistan for www.eurasianet.org

Times Media Limited - **Author** – Countries of the World: Afghanistan - August 2001 to September 2002
- Authored a 96 page children's reference book about Afghanistan for educational series

EDUCATION

Master of Arts - Business and Economic Journalism - New York University, New York, NY (2003)
Bachelor of Science - Radio/Television Journalism & Mass Communication - San Jose State University, San Jose, CA (1999)

AWARDS

Spring 2002 - New York Financial Writer's Association Award
Spring 2002 – New York University Graduate School of Arts and Science Assistantship
Fall 2002 – Overseas Press Club Foundation Award
