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**Relevant Work Experience**

• Freelance Writer/Reporter – Based in St. Petersburg, Fla. (July 2015 – present)

- Current freelancer for *The Tampa Bay Times, The New York Times*, *The Los*

*Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, AFP, Reuters, France 24 English, Images and Voices of Hope, IJNet.org, etc.

- I’ve written on a range of high-profile issues for national news outlets

• Freelance Editor/Reporter/Writer – Based in Knoxville, Tenn. (Feb 2012 – July 2015)

- Freelanced assignments for *The New York Times*, IJNet.org – a grant-funded project

by the International Center for Journalists

- Freelanced as a writer/reporter for Russ Baker’s investigative news website,

*WhoWhatWhy*.com

- Freelanced dozens of stories, including more than a dozen front-page pieces, for *The*

*Knoxville News-Sentinel*, based in Knoxville, TN

- Freelanced stories for Vice News

- Briefly freelanced as an assistant editor and reporter for Mint Press News, based in

Minneapolis, MN (this short-lived endeavor can be explained in more detail if interviewed)

• Freelance Editor/Writer and photojournalist – Southeast U.S. (June 2010 – Sept. 2011)

- Freelanced various assignments for *The Key West Citizen*

- Also freelanced articles and photos for *The* *Atlanta Journal Constitution* – text stories and

photographs, based at time in Atlanta

- Also freelanced print stories and photos for Agence France-Presse (based in Atlanta)

- Also freelanced for the CNN International News Gathering Division desk as an assignment

editor (based in Atlanta)

- Regularly contributed to CNN Wire and CNN.com as a freelancer

- Guided and monitored coverage of global events independently and via CNN bureaus

- Producing and facilitating live, on-air shots for correspondents in the field and gathering all

material for ingestion into the CNN system

- Communicated and assigned stories to staffers and freelancers around the world

- Carried out some broadcast writing also for CNN International

• Freelance All-Platform Journalist – Global (February 2009 – May 2010)

- Worked as a freelance print reporter and writer for Central Asia Newswire – Based in

Astana, KZ

- Worked as a writer, photographer, video cameraman during 2010 Winter Olympics in

British Columbia, Canada, for upstart news agency based in Atlanta – HUM News

- Sold photos from archives to various outlets like EPA*,* Sipa Press, from flooding in Nashville, TN

• Freelance Photojournalist – Kenya (February 2008 – January 2009)

- Based in Nairobi, Kenya as a freelance photojournalist and writer -- mostly representing

*Sipa Press p*hoto agency, but other clients also includedAl Jazeera English*,* Reuters, *Jane’s*

*Defence Weekly,* IRIN, European Pressphoto Agency*,* etc*.* – covered Kenya, DR Congo,

Somalia

• War Reporter/Photographer – Iraq and Afghanistan (May 2007 – January 2008)

*Stars and Stripes newspaper*

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- Embedded with U.S. troops to cover both combat operations and reconstruction efforts

throughout Iraq and Afghanistan, based in Germany

- Wrote dozens of stories while on assignment in both countries

- Filed dozens of pictures for the newspaper, with most being published

• Super-Stringer Foreign Correspondent – Ethiopia (March 2006 – March 2007)

*The Associated Press*

Additional countries covered on ground in 2006/07 for The AP: Chad, Sudan, Kenya, Djibouti and Somalia

Duties encompassed on-assignment reporting, writing and shooting pictures for major international news stories, to include: attempted overthrow of Chadian government, refugees and IDPs in Eastern Chad/Darfur, war in Darfur/Sudan, war in Somalia, diplomatic coverage of the African Union in Addis Ababa, U.S. anti-terror base in Djibouti, U.N. peacekeeping mission on Ethiopian-Eritrean border, disease, drought/famine and flooding in the Horn of Africa, etc.

*•* Sub-Editor/Reporter/Photographer – Kenya(Sept. 2004 – May 2005)

*United Nations – Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN)*

Duties included copy-editing and fact-checking humanitarian-related stories for website

Functioned as part of editorial process in liaison with Central, East and Horn of Africa desks

Assigned stories on the ground in Somalia, Djibouti and Ethiopia, including the late 2004 Tsunami, female genital cutting and the Africa Unite concert to exhume Bob Marley’s body

**Previous Experience and Educational History – Briefs from 1996 – 2004**

*-* Camp Manager, Africa Expeditions – Rumbek, South Sudan (2004)

- Media Relations Specialist, The Baddish Group – New York, N.Y. (2003)

- Personal Travel, Asian Sub-continent – Nepal and India (2002-2003)

*-* Staff Reporter at Daily Newspaper, *The Creston News Advertiser* – Iowa (2001/02)

*-* Deep-Sea Construction Student, College of Oceaneering – L.A., California (1996)

**Special Training**

Centurion Hostile-Environment Training Course (Heckfield Place, England, June 2007)

**Education**

*•* B.A., Political Science (International Relations) – University of Tennessee, at Knoxville (1997-2000)

**Military History**

U.S. Air Force – Several national and international locations (1991 – 1994)

Job Title: Security Specialist – Career Field: Security Police (Secret Security Clearance)

*•* Awarded the USAF Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense

Service Medal, Southwest Asia Campaign Service Medal and Expert Marksmanship Medal

(with device)

*•* Responsibilities included various duties as related to post-war/peace-time

deployments worldwide to secure an array of Air Force resources, such as nuclear

missiles, fighter/cargo aircraft, air bases, dignitaries, etc.

*•* Honorably discharged

*•* Duty stations and temporary-duty assignments included locations throughout America

(Texas, New Jersey and Wyoming), Europe (Frankfurt), the Middle East (Adana, Turkey)

and the Mediterranean (Iraklion, Greece)