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EDUCATION

- 1973-1976** **New York University**
Ph.D. candidate, Linguistics. Chomsky theory of language
Completed coursework and passed comprehensive exams
Thesis pending (Deep and Surface Structures of language)
- 1972-1973** **New York University**
New York, NY
Full Scholarship awarded
M.A., Linguistics
- 1970-1972** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
Teacher's College
Non -degree student
Coursework in Teaching
- 1968-1969** **University of Geneva**
Geneva, Switzerland
Graduate School of Education
M.A., Education
- 1968** **La Sorbonne, University of Paris**
Paris, France
M.A., English literature

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Main Activities:

- 2015-present** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
School of International Relations and Public Affairs
Lecturer in Discipline
Director, UNSP Specialization Track

- 2014-2015** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
School of International Relations and Public Affairs
Lecturer in Discipline
Acting Director of International Conflict Resolution
Director, United Nations Studies Specialization Track
- 2010-2014** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
School of international Relations and Public Affairs
Adjunct Professor
Director, United Nations Studies Program
- Directs four capstones projects:
Capstone with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)
"Research, Analysis and Classification of Best Practices learned in
PKOs" (2010)
Capstone with DPKO" The Role of Natural Resources in Sustainable
Peace in South Sudan" (2011)
Capstone with Best Practices Unit (DPKO): The Role of
peacekeeping operations in Electoral Processes (2012)
Capstone with the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and UNDP"
The crisis in the Sahel: Conflict Assessment, Responses, and the
Way Forward" (2013)
- Leads three research trips:
Haiti: A Future beyond Peacekeeping: The Relationship Between
Security and Development in Haiti (2010)
Haiti: The Role of the Private Sector in Sustainable peace (2011)
North Korea: The Role of the United Nations in Isolated Societies
(2012)
- 2010-present** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
School of International and Public Affairs
School of Continuing Education, Summer Program
Director of UNS Program
- 2007-2010** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
School of International and Public Affairs
Adjunct Professor
Acting Director, UN Studies Program
- Directs three research projects:

- Capstone with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO): Engagement of Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) to UN Peacekeeping Operations (2009)
- Capstone with UNICEF “New methods for Information Collection, Analysis and Use: Case Studies of Iraq and Uganda” (2010)
- Capstone with the US Congress Research Center (CRS) on UN management reform (2010)

Leads two research trips:

- Kenya: Restoring Peace and Security after the 2008 Contested Elections (Independent research, 2009). Rockefeller Grant Kenya
- Haiti: The Relationship between security and development in the UN Peace Keeping Operation in Haiti ((MINUSTAH)

2005-2007

Columbia University
New York, NY
School of International Relations and Public Affairs
 Adjunct Professor

2005-2008

New York University
New York, NY
Honor’s Program
 Adjunct Professor
 UN Security Council and peacekeeping/peace building in Africa

2004-2005

United Nations
New York, NY

Office of the Secretary General
 Deputy Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary General

- Acted as one of the main advisors to the Secretary General.
- Wrote speeches, talking points and briefing materials for the Secretary General.
- Liaised with Ambassadors of member states to keep the Secretary General informed of political issues and concerns.
- Attended meetings of the Security Council with the Secretary General.
- Responsible for staff management for the Office of the Secretary General.
- Supervised the Office of Protocol and the scheduling unit Responsible for travel requirements and time management of the Secretary General.
- Replaced the Chief of Staff when absent.
- Secretary of the Senior Management Group chaired by the Secretary General
 - Developed the agenda and attended a weekly meeting of the Cabinet of the Secretary General, which included the Under

Secretary Generals of all UN departments and agencies.
▪ Meetings served as the Secretary General's central policy planning body to ensure the strategic coherence and direction of the organization, to manage crises, and to monitor the implementation of reforms.

1997-2004

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of the Secretary General

Executive Assistant of the Secretary General

Acted as one of the main advisors to the Secretary General.

- Wrote speeches, talking points and briefing materials for the Secretary General.
- Prioritized meetings, travel and general time allocation for the Secretary General in line with his political and diplomatic agendas.
- Acted as a trouble-shooter and liaison between departments of the UN and the Secretary General.
- Identified, coordinated and provided background material to Secretary General on political issues and senior officials for meetings and events.
- Was the team leader during the Secretary General's political missions and official country visits, managing a team of fifteen.
- Determined and prepared political content of the Secretary General's trips in consultation with Ambassadors, and set up meetings with appropriate counterparts.
- Participated in the Secretary General's meetings during political missions and official visits, as well as dinners, ceremonies and other events
- Received, reviewed and prepared responses to all incoming communications from UN head quarters, duty stations and peace-keeping operations around the world.
- Followed up on decisions and actions proposed during trips with member states and various departments of the UN.

1996-1992

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of Peace-keeping Operations with the following **political assignments**:

1996-1967

Great Lakes, Zaire and Burundi

Political Officer

1995-1996

UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR)

Political Officer

- Kept track of the political and military activities of missions.
- Issued instructions to the missions.
- Provided guidance on policies to be followed in line with the mission's mandate and the decisions of the Secretary

General.

- Participated in complex diplomatic consultation with troop contributing countries.
- Regularly served as head of Secretary General's teams on visits to peace keeping operations, traveled to the mission on his behalf, and participated in Security Council mission visits.

International Commission of Inquiry for Rwanda

Political Officer

- The commission was responsible for collecting information and investigating reports on the sale and supply of arms to the former Rwandan government forces in the Great Lake Region under a Security Council mandate.

1992-1995

UN Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM I, II and III)

Political Officer

- Provided political support from UN headquarters of what became one of the largest and most complex peace-keeping operations.
- Wrote and presented reports to the Security Council on the status of the operation.
- Gave political support to the Special Representatives and Force Commanders.
- Visited the mission and briefed troop contributors on status of the operation.
- Helped develop and set up the formation of the Somali police force.
- Coordinated with United States Humanitarian Operation in Somalia (UNITAF).
- Participated in the special mission of the Security Council to phase out UNOSOM and the withdrawal of the United Nations operation.

1992

UN Observation Mission on Iraq-Kuwait Border (UNIKOM)

Political Officer (See Above)

1990-1992

**United Nations
New York, NY**

Office of Program Planning, Budget and Finance
Chef de Cabinet

- Implemented Security Council resolutions relating to the Resumption of Iraqi oil production and marketing.
- Negotiated with Norwegian Government on UN monitoring of Iraqi oil production, pipeline transport and sale.
- Participated in Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan's mission to Baghdad for discussions with the Iraqi government, and took part in negotiations with Iraq at the ministerial and

- Ambassador levels.
- Co-authored the proposal for a Peace Endowment Fund for the financing of peace-keeping operations.
- Had lead role in writing proposal for the establishment of a United Nations Humanitarian Assistance team.
- Wrote the Secretary General's report to the General Assembly on the financial situation of the organization.
- Wrote policy papers on approaches to collection of contributions from member states.
- Participated in meetings with the five permanent members of the Security Council at the Ambassador level.

1987-1990

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of Personnel

Chef de Cabinet

- Drafted all speeches for the Assistant Secretary General and communications from the ASG to the Secretary General.
- Analyzed decisions of the Fifth Committee and General Assembly for ASG.
- Participated in ASG's mission to UNHCR at the time of the resignation of the High Commissioner to provide guidance to UNHCR senior staff.
- Wrote policy papers for the annual meeting of Staff Management Coordinating Committee.

1985-1987

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of Program Planning, Budget and Accounts, Budget Division

Budget Officer

- Assessed and managed contributions of member states for General Assembly and peace-keeping budgets.
- Regulated and disbursed voluntary funds from member states.
- Defended budgets to the General Assembly and the Fifth Committee.
- Determined budgetary implications of programs.
- Helped to develop long-term (ten year) and medium-term (six year) budget plans for the organization

1980-1985

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of Personnel

Personnel Officer

- Managed all personnel activities including promotions, disciplinary cases, entitlements, work conditions, home leaves and retirements.
- Interpreted staff rules and regulations to departments and staff.
- Investigated and determined outcome of contentious cases.
- Developed new formulations of personnel policies and

- procedures.
- Acted as go-between for union members and UN management.
- Nominated to run Classification Appeals and Review Committee.

1979-1980

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of Personnel, Classification Department

Classification Officer

- Determined classification of positions within the United Nations.
- Brought on to do reclassification of positions in Geneva office.
- Successfully negotiated with translators, interpreters, and verbatim reporters threatening to strike.
- Set up new criteria for the classification of language jobs.
- Chairperson of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Competitive exam required to graduate from general service level to professional staff member.
- Managed career development of language staff.

1977-1979

United Nations

New York, NY

Office of Personnel, French Language Program

Teachers' Coordinator

- Managed and recruited staff.
- Counseled and placed students, proctored examinations.
- Set up induction and orientation programs for new teachers.
- Observed classes and supervised all French teachers.

1970-1977

United Nations

New York, NY

French Professor and Curriculum Developer

- Taught all levels of French.
- Developed curriculum and wrote teaching materials, which included investigations of new theories in linguistics, and Writing language tests.
- Trained and recruited new teachers.
- Member of jury for language proficiency exam for the United Nations

1968-1969

University of Geneva

Geneva, Switzerland

French Literature Professor (Summers)

- Taught French literature classes at various levels.
- Offered full-time professorship.

Other Academic Activities:

- 2008** **Kofi Annan Kenya Mediation Team**
Member
- Team negotiated a power sharing agreement between the Government and the Opposition and prevented further bloodshed in Kenya
- 2006-present** **Kofi Annan Foundation**
Advisory Board
Member
- 2007** **NGO STOP (Stop Trafficking of People)**
Advisory Board
Member
- 2006** **Security Council Report**
Advisory Panel of the Security Council Report
Member
- 2006** **Columbia University**
New York, NY
School of International and Public Affairs
Center for International Conflict Resolution
Senior Advisor
- Provides political direction to the conduct of biannual advanced seminars on the prevention of genocide involving the 192 member states of the UN

SELECTED DISTINCTONS

- 2006** **French Legion of Honor** (Legion d'honneur)
Awarded by French President Jacques Chirac
- 2007** **U.S. Red Cross**
Harriman Award for Humanitarian Affairs work
- 2008** **Outstanding Teaching Award**
Columbia University's School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIPA)
- 2010** **Teacher of the Year Award**
Columbia University 's School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIPA)

2010 **Nominated for the 2010 Columbia Presidential Teaching Award**

LECTURES

1981-2005 Has Lectured extensively on the UN in the context of her work with the UN

2007 “A choice for Peace: the Story of 41 days of mediation in Kenya”; Published by IPI

LANGUAGES

Fluent French, proficient Spanish