

## PROFILE

Community-focused program facilitator with experience supporting partner organizations, coordinating programs, and delivering trainings across diverse community settings. Skilled in relationship-building, site-based work, and day-to-day logistics, with a growing focus on food justice, sustainability, and health.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Founding Director, Taboom Media** South Africa & U.S. (2018 – 2026)
- Managed day-to-day operations, including coordinating partners, overseeing logistics & ensuring consistent delivery
  - Organized & facilitated workshops with journalists & activists to improve media coverage of social justice issues
  - Developed practical tools & resources, edited news stories & published activist anthologies
- Consultant, Media Trainer, Writer & Editor, Freelance** Global (2015 – Present)
- Provide training, research & communications support for UN, UNDP, Reuters, Internews, National Endowment for Democracy, National Democratic Institute, International Center for Journalists, COSPE, All Out, & local NGOs
  - Write & edit feature stories, books & reports for KAICIID Dialogue Centre, European Journalism Centre, Rafto Foundation, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Arcus Foundation, Children's Radio Foundation & International Media Support
- Director of Global Strategy, Religion News Service** London, U.K. & U.S. (2012 – 2018)
- Designed & managed international projects, trained journalists & fundraised
  - Commissioned, edited & reported stories as Global Religious Freedom Editor
- Digital Policy Advisor, Index on Censorship** London, U.K. (2013)
- Wrote & commissioned policy reports & editorial pieces on global challenges to digital freedom of expression
  - Represented Index's positions in external media & at international conferences in the E.U. & U.S.
- Online Editor & Advisor, Free Speech Debate** Oxford, U.K. (2011 – 2012)
- Wrote, commissioned, edited & produced articles, newsletters & podcasts on freedom of expression
  - Planned U.K., U.S. & Tunisia launch events. Managed Twitter, Facebook, AdWords, Analytics & WordPress
- Associate Product Marketing Manager Intern, Google** London, U.K. (Summer 2011)
- Produced Middle East & Africa market analysis & managed marketing campaigns for Maps & eBooks
- Mobile Journalist, Vericorder Technology** Canada (Spring 2010)
- Produced audio slideshows & trained journalists on iPhone software at Winter Olympics
- Election Intern, Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections** Lebanon (Summer 2009)
- Monitored & reported on 2009 parliamentary elections across Lebanon
- Public Relations Intern, Memac Ogilvy** United Arab Emirates (Spring 2009)
- Organized press coverage, interviews & events for Volvo & Nike product campaigns
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary International** United Arab Emirates (2008 – 2009)
- Delivered presentations to 20 groups in Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan, Armenia, Georgia, Bahrain & UAE
- Editorial Intern, Standard & Poor's Financial Services** New York City, U.S. (Summer 2008)
- Edited magazine content highlighting global credit trends & produced 12 Credit Market Podcasts
- Enterprise Reporter, Inter Press Service News Agency** United Nations Headquarters (Summer 2007)
- Investigated & reported on marginalized communities & environmental justice from UNHQ in NYC

## EDUCATION

- Master of Philosophy, Modern Middle Eastern Studies** (Thesis Distinction) University of Oxford (2012)
- Bachelor of Journalism, Convergence Media: International** (GPA 3.97/4.00) University of Missouri (2010)
- Bachelor of Arts, International Studies: Middle East** (GPA 3.97/4.00) University of Missouri (2010)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma** (GPA 4.00/4.00, Valedictorian) Wausau East H.S., WI (2006)

- Worldchefs Certified Commis Chef** Worldchefs / VegChef / Rouxbe (2025)
- 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training** Yoga Loft Studios (2025)
- Plant-Based Nutrition Certificate** T. Colin Campbell Center for Nutrition Studies (2024)