

## Areas of Expertise

- ◆ Communication Strategist
- ◆ News & Editorial Analysis
- ◆ Newsgathering Operations
- ◆ Research & Investigation
- ◆ Verification & Disinformation
- ◆ Story Pitch & Development
- ◆ Television Production
- ◆ Media Affairs & Relations
- ◆ Conflict & Hostile Environments

## Professional Experience

Multiple Employers, Multiple Locations  
Journalist/Media Specialist

2002 – Present

- **Lead Stories (2020 to present):** Write content that exposes misinformation on major social media platforms for a fact-checking website.
  - Successfully utilize journalistic talents to assess the authenticity of information on leading social media platforms such as TikTok and Meta.
- **Huffington Post Italia (2019 to present):** Write incisive content about subjects related to America and American politics and issues relating to the spread of disinformation and efforts to combat it.
  - Presented insightful analysis of the US presidential elections in 2020 for the Italian public.
- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2017):** Covered the political tension over North Korea's nuclear arms build-up from Seoul as Freelance Producer for Fox News Channel.
  - Carefully studied the situation and provided a site survey and a contingency planning guidance report in the event of possible political aggression by involved parties.
- **Cable News Network (CNN) and (FNC) (2015 to 2016):** As a freelance producer produced and broadcast terror attack stories in Paris and Brussels for CNN and reported for FNC from Nice.
- **Cable News Network (CNN) (2014):** Spearheaded various crew assignments in Baghdad and Irbil immediately after the ISIS occupation of Mosul and areas of Western Iraq while covering the crisis as Freelance Producer for CNN.
  - Broadcast news coverage from Baghdad following the ISIS capture of nearby Ramadi and from Irbil immediately after the ISIS invasion of Sinjar, including the refugee situation, and the consequent Peshmarga military attacks on ISIS sites in Northern Iraq.
- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2014):** Documented and broadcast the initial stages of the conflict between Pro-Russian and Ukrainian Armed Forces from the Eastern Ukrainian Province of Donbas as a Freelance Producer for Fox News Channel.
  - Coordinated the movements between locations held by the Ukrainian Armed Forces and Pro-Russian forces operating from Donetsk.
- **Freelance Assignment (2013 to 2014):** Assisted director and cinematographer Kate Brooks with producing a feature-length film on the ill effects of elephants and rhinoceros poaching in Kenya (2013) and Chad (2014) as Freelance Producer and Sound Technician.
  - Contributed to story development, managed travel logistics, and assisted with sound recording.
- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2013):** Covered the events from Vatican City and Rome during the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the Papal Conclave, and the election of Pope Francis in March 2013.
- **(CNN) and (FNC) (2012 to 2014):** Operated from Damascus and Beirut as Freelance Producer for FNC and CNN to assist with the coverage of government-controlled regions of Syria during the conflict in Syria.
- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2011):** Produced an account of the conflict in Libya from the rebel-controlled region of Western Libya later moving to Tripoli, Libya to provide an account from government-controlled regions of the country.
- **(FNC) and SKY News (2006):** Provided live coverage of the Lebanon-Israel war in 2006 from Tyre and the front line in Southern Lebanon.
- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2005):** Covered the events from Vatican City and Rome at the time of the death of Pope John Paul II, the Papal Conclave, and the election of Pope Benedict XVI in April 2005.
- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2003):** Produced coverage from Monrovia on the Liberia conflict in 2003 leading to the overthrow of former Liberian leader Charles Taylor.

- **Fox News Channel (FNC) (2002 to 2011):** Led and directed starting from the first FNC unilateral crews to Baghdad after the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 to the withdrawal of US forces in 2011 serving as Fox News Baghdad Bureau Chief during the entire time. Administered editorial and logistics-related duties and supervised staff ranging from 3 to 160 consisting of several news crews and support staff.
  - Established and nurtured relationships with the government, military, diplomatic officers, and local staff and their families while living in high-risk conditions.

## Teaching Assignments

### Lecturer, Istituto Lorenzo de Medici, Rome

2019

Taught a semester course on International Terrorism at Istituto Lorenzo de Medici, Rome branch. Delivered discourses in English on contemporary religious, political, and ethnic supremacist groups, counter-terrorism methods since 9/11, and analysis of the effects of terrorism on political elites and civilian populations.

- Effectively included field observations and newsroom experience to provide first-hand accounts and evaluations of the complex nature of the terrorist threat.

### Media Trainer, Pop Up Media 360, New Delhi

2019

Provided news-gathering training seminars for staff members of the Indian news channel ABP News in New Delhi.

- Contributed to the revamping of overall operations including on-air programming, newsroom workflow, and news-gathering activities at one of India's leading all-news TV channels.

## Additional Experience

- **CNN:** Covered the US military response to 9/11 from Pakistan and Afghanistan. Established the CNN Bureau in Kabul to air events after the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and covered the efforts to capture Osama Bin Laden in Tora Bora.
- **CNN, London Bureau:** Produced a verist of stories during four years at London Bureau such as the Concorde crash, Paris - USS Cole bombing, Aden - IMF/G8 summits in Prague/Geneva - Northern Ireland peace talks, Belfast - World Economic Forum, Davos - Slobodan Milosevic arrest, Belgrade - Kosovo conflict, Kukës, Pristina - Musharraf military coup, Islamabad - Macedonia conflict, Skopje - OPEC meetings, Vienna - King Hussein's funeral, Amman - Hafez Assad funeral, Damascus - South Africa elections, Johannesburg, Pretoria - Lebanon - Israel air strikes, Beirut - Iraq US missile strike, Baghdad.
- **CNN International Desk, Atlanta:** As one of four Senior International Assignment Editors, oversaw reporting for more than thirty CNN international bureaus while serving on the International Assignment Desk. Organized and managed the stories from reporters and staff around the world and reported daily to CNN producers and executives. Additionally, served as Field Producer and traveled widely covering stories such as Bosnia conflict, Sarajevo - Aristide return to Haiti, Port au Prince - Oslo peace accord, Jerusalem, Jericho - Japanese embassy takeover, Lima - Iraq Gulf War I, Kuwait City, and Moscow bureau assignment.
  - Created a CNN story agenda, managed coverage and international satellite feeds, and commenced the news day for 30+ overseas bureaus.
- **CNN Headquarters, Atlanta:** Served as Staff Circuits and Satellite Transmissions Desk Operator
- **Global Marine Drilling, Gulf of Mexico:** Served as roustabout and roughneck for a year on an offshore rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Education

### Bachelor of Science in Communications

School of Radio, Television, and Film, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

## Professional Training

AKE Hostile Environment Training

First Aid Course and Updates

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Paris, Algiers, Beirut, Geneva, London, Houston, Dusseldorf, Austin