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Summary of Qualifications

Evaluation: Post-Doctoral Fellow at George Mason University, designing and evaluating experiential and service-learning models for teaching conflict resolution. Conflict Specialist for Social Impact, leading evaluation of USAID/CMM programs in Israel/West Bank/Gaza. Member, USAID/CMM “learning group” on peacebuilding evaluation. Evaluation Expert, Alliance for Peacebuilding/U.S. Institute of Peace “Evidence Summit.”

Research: Ph.D., International Relations, American University, 2011 (with distinction). Dissertation title: *Evaluating Peace Education in the Oslo-Intifada Generation: A Long-Term Impact Study of Seeds of Peace 1993-2010*. Dissertation is longitudinal evaluation of Seeds of Peace program, tracking peacebuilding activity by 800 Israeli and Palestinian youth participants over periods of 8-15 years, quantitative and qualitative components. Research interests: Conflict analysis and resolution, dialogue, evaluation, identity, nationalism, peacebuilding, peace education, reconciliation, Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Teaching: Fulltime Instructor of Conflict Resolution at Georgetown University; Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Resolution at University of Massachusetts-Boston and American University. Courses taught: Theories of Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Evaluation of Conflict Resolution; Israeli/Palestinian Peacebuilding; Nonviolence and Civil Resistance.

Peacebuilding Practice: Established and directed peacebuilding programs involving hundreds of Israeli and Palestinian youth as Jerusalem Program Director for Seeds of Peace (1996-2004). Consultant for Middle East peacebuilding initiatives. Fluent in Hebrew; conversant in Palestinian colloquial Arabic. Extensive experience negotiating cultural, political and psychological barriers to dialogue in contexts of conflict.

Awards

FIPSE Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University: Designing, testing and evaluating experiential and service-learning models for conflict resolution, through grant from Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, 2011-13.

Visiting Researcher, Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School: Ten-month appointment for writing doctoral dissertation in residence at Harvard, 2009-10.

SIS Dissertation Fellow, School of International Service, American University: \$10,000 award to support one year of full-time dissertation writing, 2009-10.

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellow, United States Institute of Peace: \$20,000 award for one year of full-time dissertation research on peace and conflict resolution, 2007-08.

Dean’s Fellowship, School of International Service, American University: Three-year full-tuition fellowship for doctoral study in International Relations, 2004-07.

Ruth Ratner Miller Seeds of Peace Prize, awarded by Seeds of Peace Founder and President John Wallach for outstanding contributions to the organization, 2002.

Dorot Fellowship in Israel: Full-year stipend for residency in Israel, study of contemporary issues in Judaism and Israeli society, volunteer internship, 1996-97.

Evaluation and Peacebuilding

Evaluation

Technical Expert, EU Partnership for Peace Program

Junior expert on international consulting team evaluating EU-funded reconciliation projects in Israel, OPT, Jordan, including field visits to 35 projects.

Field Team Leader, Conflict Specialist and Learning Group Expert, Social Impact

Team Leader for field evaluation of USAID-funded reconciliation projects in Israel/West Bank/Gaza. One of five experts selected to lead two-year USAID "Learning Group" on best practices in design and evaluation of reconciliation programs. *2011-12.*

Data Analyst and Report Author, International Institute for Sustained Dialogue

Compiling annual performance evaluation report based on quantitative and qualitative survey data of 500+ participants in Sustained Dialogue Campus Network, May-June 2012.

Evaluation Expert, Alliance for Peacebuilding/USIP "Evidence Summit"

Selected for presentation on evaluation methodology for exclusive forum of practitioners, donors and evaluators on evidence-based peacebuilding evaluation. *December 2011.*

Evaluation Consultant, Israeli/Palestinian Parents' Circle/Families' Forum

Hired to advise evaluation team on mid-term assessment of historical narrative dialogue project involving Israeli and Palestinian activists in Bereaved Families' Forum. *May 2011.*

Training Courses

Online Evaluation Training Courses, American Evaluation Association

Expert-led Online Seminars in Quantitative Methods; Developmental Evaluation; Focus Group Research; Social Network Analysis. *April – September 2012.*

Advanced Problem-Solving Workshop Training, George Mason University

Expert-led training in problem-solving workshop intervention methodology. *March 2012.*

"Reflecting on Peace Practice" Training, Collaborative Learning Agency (CDA)

Joined scholars and practitioners of evaluation for methodology training. *January 2011.*

Peacebuilding and and Development Institute, American University

Awarded certification for expert-led weeklong seminars in "Design, Monitoring and Evaluation" and "Training for Trainers in Peacebuilding and Development." *June 2005.*

Facilitation and Peacebuilding Practice

Facilitator, Alliance for Middle East Peace Annual Conference

Facilitated opening session of gathering of Israeli and Palestinian peacebuilding NGO leaders, focused on the impact of the recent war in Gaza. *January 2009.*

Facilitator, Dialogue Development Group, American University

Facilitated dialogue for concerned students and faculty on war in Gaza. *February 2009.*

Advisory Council Member, Just Vision

Consulted on curriculum, educational, film, and online content and design; presented documentary *Encounter Point* for university audiences and student groups. *2004-present*

Middle East Regional Program Director, Seeds of Peace, Jerusalem (1996-2004)

Peace Education/Program Development

Established, developed and directed year-round program of seminars, outreach projects and events promoting dialogue, cultural exchange, youth leadership and peace education, involving hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians. Highlights:

- **Seminars/programs:** Organized and led overnight dialogue and peace education seminars for Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian participants.
- **Cross-border exchanges:** Guided cross-border homestays and visits for several hundred Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian participants and host families.

- **Year-round Dialogue Groups:** Designed curriculum, organized and facilitated multiple year-round “Advanced Coexistence” groups of Israeli and Palestinian youth.
- **Community Outreach: Presentations:** Organized and led annually dozens of joint Israeli/Palestinian presentations in Israel, Palestine, Egypt and Jordan.

Dialogue Facilitation

- **Israeli/Palestinian Dialogue:** Facilitated year-round dialogue groups for Israeli and Palestinian youth at Jerusalem Center for Coexistence, summer dialogue groups for returning campers at Seeds of Peace International Camp in Maine. 1996-2004.
- **International Conferences:** Facilitated post-9/11 youth summit in 2001; facilitated simulation of Israeli/Palestinian final status negotiations in Switzerland, 1998.

Youth Leadership Training/Counseling

- **Public Speaking:** Trained youth for public speaking tours in USA and Europe.
- **College Advising:** Assisted several dozen Israeli and Palestinian youth in application processes for scholarships to secondary and university study abroad;
- **Counseling:** Counseled Israeli and Palestinian youth and SOP staff during periods of violent conflict escalation.

Administration/Logistics

- **Multicultural staff supervision:** Hired, trained and directed program staff of American, Israeli and Palestinian counselors and facilitators.
- **Bookkeeping and Incorporation:** Established Seeds of Peace *amutah* (association) in Israel, served as chairman, responsible for legal and financial reports.
- **Border-crossing:** Supervised successful checkpoint and border-crossing for groups between Israel, Gaza, West Bank, Jordan, and Egypt on hundreds of occasions.

Editor-in-Chief, The Olive Branch Magazine

Designed and edited 25 editions of youth news magazine written by and for youth from Afghanistan, Balkans, Cyprus, India, Middle East, Pakistan and United States. 1996-2004.

Counselor, Peer Support Coordinator, Seeds of Peace International Camp in Maine

Co-designed and supervised cross-conflict dialogue programs for outstanding youth from Balkans, Cyprus, and Middle East, including peer mediation and leadership training. Summers of 1995, 1997-2002.

Publications & Presentations

Academic Publications

“Adding Fuel to the Fire: Energy Resources and International Negotiation in the Eastern Mediterranean,” Advanced Negotiation Simulation (Linking Theory to Practice Project, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University: 2012).

“Evaluating Long-Term Impact in Volatile Context: The Case of Seeds of Peace,” in Andria Wistler and Celina Del Felice (eds.), *Peace Education Evaluation* (Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publications, 2012).

Evaluating Peace Education in the Oslo-Intifada Generation: An Impact Study of Seeds of Peace 1993-2010. Ph.D. Dissertation, American University, 2011.

“Making Peace with the Duel of Narratives: Dual-Narrative Approaches for Teaching the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict,” *Israel Studies Forum* 23 (1): May 2008, 107-124.

Review of David Hulme, *Identity, Ideology and the Future of Jerusalem* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2006), in *Israel Studies Forum* 23 (2): Winter 2008, 126-128.

"The Peacebuilder's Paradox and the Dynamics of Dialogue: A Psychosocial Portrait of Israeli/Palestinian Encounters," chapter co-authored with Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer for Judy Kuriansky (ed.), *Peacebuilding in the Promised Land* (Westport: Praeger, 2007).

Review of Peter Weinberger, *Co-opting the PLO: A Critical Reconstruction of the Oslo Accords*, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*: 36 (1), December 2007.

"Playing Pin the War on the Lobby," *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, Berkeley Electronic Press 4 (1): 2006.

"The Political Economy of Seeds of Peace: A Critical Evaluation of Conflict Intervention," nominated for Robert W. Cox Prize, *International Studies Association Convention 2006*.

Manuscript Peer Review, *Palgrave-Macmillan*, January 2010.

Conferences and Presentations

- *Youth in Development Workgroup*, Society in Development D.C., May 8, 2012.
 - *Conflict Resolution Education Association Annual Summit*, March 17, 2012: "Transforming the Conflict Resolution Classroom: The Undergraduate Experiential Learning Project"; "Evaluating Long-term Impact in Volatile Context."
 - *Alliance for Peacebuilding/USIP Peacebuilding Evaluation "Evidence Summit,"* December 7, 2011: Evaluation expert's review of peacebuilding evaluations.
 - *Association for Israel Studies Annual Convention*, June 15, 2011: "Conflicted Cooperation: Seeds of Peace and the Israeli and PNA Ministries of Education"
 - *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Convention*, December 21, 2010: "A Soldier and/or a 'Seed of Peace': Peace Education and Military Service During the *Intifada*"
 - *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Convention*, December 21, 2008: "'Peacemaker' Identity in the US, Israel and the Arab World: Social Capital or Stigma?"
 - *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, March 28, 2008: "Conflict, Identity and Intervention: Long-term Participation of Peace Education Alumni"
 - *American Anthropological Association Annual Convention*, November 28, 2007: "'Conflict Zones' and Identity Intervention"
 - *United States Institute of Peace Senior Fellows' Retreat*, October 19, 2007: "Evaluating the North American Generation of Israeli/Palestinian Encounters"
 - *Middle East Studies Association Annual Convention*, November 19, 2006: "Peacemakers and Barriers: Discourse and Dialogue in the Age of 'Disengagement'"
 - *International Studies Association—Northeast Annual Convention*, November 11, 2006: "Conflict on the CV: Identity Capital, Peace Process, and Application Process"
 - *Dialogue Under Occupation, Northeastern Illinois University*, November 8, 2006: "Dialogue and 'Disengagement': Discourse, Politics and Israeli/Palestinian Peace"
- International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Diego: March 22, 2006: "The Political Economy of Seeds of Peace: A Critical Evaluation of Conflict Intervention"

Teaching Experience

Visiting Instructor, Masters Program in Conflict Resolution, Georgetown University

Full-time appointment, five courses including Conflict Theory, Evaluation of Conflict Resolution, Israeli/Palestinian Peacebuilding, and Nonviolence. 2010-11.

Lecturer, Dispute Resolution Program, University of Massachusetts Boston

Taught 600-level graduate course, "Theories of Conflict Resolution." Fall 2009.

Education

Lecturer, American University, Washington, D.C.

Taught 300-level course, "Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution." *Spring 2009.*

Curriculum Consultant, Just Vision

Designed lessons and advised content for interactive curriculum and online resource for teaching the Israeli/ Palestinian conflict, working with Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer. *2007.*

Research Assistant for Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, American University

Teaching Assistant for courses in Peacebuilding, Dialogue, Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution, responsible for lecturing, advising students, drafting and editing publications, researching Middle East conflict, interfaith dialogue and peace education, co-authoring chapter for edited volume on Israeli/Palestinian conflict. *2004-06.*

Jewish/Muslim Interfaith Educator and Curriculum co-Author, Abraham's Vision

Co-authored curriculum of twenty interactive lessons on history of Jewish/Muslim relations in medieval Spain, and contemporary Jewish/Muslim relations. *2006.*

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Susan Allen Nan, American University

Assisted with "NGOs and International Conflict" course and lesson design, facilitated online discussion and summarized content, graded research papers. *2006.*

Ph.D. International Relations, School of International Service, American University

Dissertation approved (with distinction), August 2011. Completed pre-dissertation requirements August 2007, incl. comprehensive exams in Comparative Politics (with distinction), Peace and Conflict Resolution; seminars in International Relations, Comparative Politics, Social Theory, Methods, Human Security, Peacebuilding; Independent research in critical approaches to peace and conflict, proposal defense, oral qualifying exam (3.85 GPA); Student representative on Ph.D. committee, student selection and faculty search committees. *Fall 2004 – August 2011.*

Visiting Researcher, Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School

Special appointment for writing doctoral dissertation in residence, including workspace, access to faculty, programs and institutional resources. *2009-2010.*

SIS Dissertation Fellow, American University, Washington, DC

Selective dissertation fellowship including stipend and waiver of tuition. *2009-2010.*

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellow, United States Institute of Peace

Selective fellowship including \$20,000 grant and access to USIP resources. *2007-2008.*

Interpretive and Relational Methodology Workshop, ISA-NE

Selected for exclusive methodological workshop with leading scholars. *Fall 2006.*

Summer Peacebuilding and Development Institute, American University

Awarded certification for courses in "Training for Trainers in Peacebuilding" and "Design, Monitoring and Evaluation in Peacebuilding and Development." *June 2005.*

Dorot Fellowship in Israel, Jerusalem

Selective one-year fellowship for internship and Jewish study in Israel, including twelve seminars on Palestinian/Israeli conflict and Israel/diaspora relations. *1996-1997.*

Yakar Center for Tradition & Creativity, Jerusalem

Courses in intensive study of *Torah, Talmud, Midrash* and rabbinical texts. *1996-1997.*

B.A. with Honors, College of Letters, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

Interdisciplinary study of history, literature, philosophy and foreign language (Hebrew). Thesis: *The Identity and Motivation of Jewish Civil Rights Workers.* *1991-1995.*

Wesleyan Program in Israel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Five seminars on issues in Israeli and Palestinian societies and Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including Conflict Resolution with Dr. Jay Rothman. *Spring 1993.*

Project Judaica, Jagellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Research & dialogue program for Polish and Jewish students, taught by scholars, survivors of the Holocaust and veterans of resistance movements. *Summer 1993.*

Film & Media

Hebrew Translation Verification, *A Force More Powerful*

Reviewed, edited Hebrew translation of *A Force More Powerful*, the award-winning documentary of the history of successful nonviolent political movements. *2008.*

Advisor, Presentation Facilitator, *Encounter Point*

Award-winning 2006 documentary on Israeli/Palestinian peacebuilding, produced by Just Vision. Assisted editing, logistics, translation, screenings. *2005-present.*

Middle East Production Team, Seeds documentary film project

92-minute 2004 documentary portraying Afghan, Israeli, Palestinian, Indian, Pakistani and American youth experiences of dialogue at Seeds of Peace camp. Coordinated Middle East filming, interviewed Middle East subjects. *2003-4.*

Coordinating Producer, *Peace of Mind* documentary film project

Award-winning 57-minute documentary produced by Israeli and Palestinian teenagers, produced by Global Action Project. Coordinated logistics for Middle East filming, contributed footage, facilitated meetings of Israeli and Palestinian producers. *1998-99.*

Film Screening Panels

Harvard Program on Negotiation, Wellesley College, American University, Society for Conflict Resolution, "Celebrating Nonviolent Resistance" Conference, Bethlehem, PNA.

Interviews

Israel Channel 1 & 2 news, *Kol Israel* radio, *Jerusalem Report*, *Washington Post*, *Hartford Courant*, *Ma'ariv*, *Ha'aretz*, *Arab and Jew* by David Shipler, 2002 edition.

Professional Associations

American Evaluation Association, International Studies Association, Conflict Resolution Education Association, Association for Israel Studies, Association for Jewish Studies.

Languages

Hebrew—fluent written and spoken; *Arabic, French, Spanish*—conversant.

References available upon request.