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<b>Education</b>	<b>MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES</b> Track focus: Policy Analysis and Political Change University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana	May 2014
	<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JUSTICE, PEACE, AND CONFLICT STUDIES</b> Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia <i>Cords of Distinction</i>	Summa Cum Laude April 2006
<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT / COOPERATIVE BY DESIGN, LLC, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA</b> <i>Mediator, Trainer, and Consultant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide mediation, training, reconciliation, facilitation, and strategic visioning services for organizations or groups in transition or conflict</li></ul>	August 2009 - Present
	<b>CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES &amp; UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, ACCRA, GHANA</b> <i>Consultant, Business on the Frontlines</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led a collaborative consultancy with MBA, Law, and Peace students to identify opportunities for shared value creation in corporate-NGO partnerships</li></ul>	January – May 2014
	<b>CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, DAVAO CITY, PHILIPPINES</b> <i>Intern, Peace and Reconciliation Program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Investigated impact of resolved land conflicts through interviews and research</li><li>Produced, edited, and designed training manuals and program reports</li></ul>	July – December 2013
	<b>OUR COMMUNITY PLACE, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA</b> <i>Community Center Director</i> <i>Community Wellbeing Coordinator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised staff, interns, and volunteers in an environment of high diversity</li><li>Facilitated organization-wide restructuring process, using multi-stakeholder dialogue focus groups and collaborative decision-making processes</li><li>Developed and strengthened cross-sector community partnerships</li><li>Designed and oversaw program implementation</li><li>Wrote grant applications with 87% success rate</li></ul>	August 2010 – July 2012
	<b>MAHATMA GANDHI CENTER FOR GLOBAL NONVIOLENCE</b> <b>JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA</b> <i>Program Coordinator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ran special event logistics, including Gandhi Award to Former President Jimmy Carter and national student conference</li><li>Supervised 12 interns, executed programming, budget, and communications</li><li>Draft Editor, <i>International Journal of Gandhi Studies</i>, Volume 2</li></ul>	August 2009 – August 2010
	<b>BRIDGE BUILDERS, LONDON MENNONITE CENTRE, LONDON, U.K.</b> <i>Trainer and Mediator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Custom-designed and led 26 trainings (1-3 days) on conflict transformation and team-led 16 week-long trainings</li><li>Four consultancies with leaders to start programs in the UK and Germany</li><li>Facilitated 12 conflict cases</li></ul>	July 2006 – July 2009
	<b>Advisory Roles</b>	Board of Directors, Gemeinschaft Home, Harrisonburg, Virginia Personnel Committee (Chair, November 2010 – June 2011) Restorative Justice Reference Committee, Fairfield Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia
<b>Additional Training</b>	<b>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: THE PROMISE, THE CHALLENGE</b> Graduate course, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	May 2011
	<b>VICTIM OFFENDER CONFERENCING</b> Training, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	January 2011

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