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Summary of Qualifications

- Experienced lecturer at 3 American colleges, over 5 years' experience in development
- Acknowledgement as Researcher in three major UNDP evaluations
- Experience in knowledge management, liaison and coordination. Experience working with UNDP as well as NGOs, both in the field as well as the Headquarters. Extensive research experience in academia as well as the policy arena, both in the field and the headquarters. Advanced computer skills, and inclination towards using new technologies as efficient and effective means for achieving results
- Languages: Fluent English and Bengali, conversational Hindi and working French

Education and Academic Experience:

Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Center, City University of New York (Aug 2005-Present)

- Dissertation Topic: *Political Participation in Bangladesh*
- Dissertation Committee: Professor Vincent Boudreau, Professor Susan Woodward, Professor Robert Jenkins
- Masters of Philosophy in Political Science; Advanced to Candidacy in May 2009
- Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: International Relations
- Participation in Graduate Student Conference, Graduate Center, City University of New York.
 - Paper Presented: Liberal Wars- Democratic States and Conflict in the General Assembly
- Research Papers:
 - Participation in Post-Socialist Regimes – What explains Low Public Participation and High Collective Action in Kosovo? (May 2007)
 - Collective Action in South Asia - Literature Review (December 2007)
 - Islamic Activism in the Middle East and North Africa – Literature Review (December 2005)
 - Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Bangladesh (April 2006)
 - The Impact of Intervention on the African State – the Case of Sierra Leone (December 2005)
 - UN Counter Terrorism and Human Rights – Are Contemporary Counter-Terrorism Measures in Violation of International Human Rights Standards? (April 2006)
 - The Role of Women in Mill and Wollstonecraft – are JS Mill and Mary Wollstonecraft's feminism influenced by their gender roles? (May 2007)
 - Does the Audience of a Conflict Influence the Outcome: Explaining Conflict in the General Assembly (May 2007)

Master of Arts in International Relations, City College of New York (September 2004)

- *Thesis*: Peace building and Democratic Transition: An Analysis of the Present Approach, Major Issues and Concerns Using Kosovo as a Case Study

Bachelor of Arts, Colgate University, Hamilton NY (May 2002)

- *Majors*: Political Science & Computer Science
- *Activities*: Delta Delta Delta Sorority, President of South Asian Culture Club

International Baccalaureate Degree, Kodaikanal International School, India (May 1998)

- *Higher Level*: Physics, Mathematics, English
- *Subsidiary Level*: French, Chemistry, Economics

Professional Experience:

Major Evaluations

- Evaluation of UNDP's Support to Conflict-Affected Countries
- Evaluation of UNDP's role in South-South Cooperation
- Evaluation of Results-Based Management at UNDP

Adjunct Lecturer (*Fall 2008-Spring 2009*)

Courses Taught

- Contemporary Comparative Politics, Contemporary International Politics (City College, City University of NY); Global Civilizations (Van Arsdale Center for Labor Studies, Empire State College, State University of NY); Politics and Culture (Lehman College, City University of NY).

Consultant (*July-Aug 07*)

Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- Drafted paper on the Creative Economy as a Strategy for Development.
- Literature review, report summaries and data analysis on results achieved by local communities, for Southern-country directed tsunami recovery initiatives. Began coordination of workshop where 25 community groups were to present their achievements.

Researcher (*Jan –May 07*)

Evaluation Office (EO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- Liaison for the Evaluation of RBM in UNDP, including the coordination of country missions for case studies and arranging headquarters consultations.
- Served as a knowledge center for the evaluation by compiling and analyzing existing literature, and creating comprehensive programme maps.
- Created succinct overview of the current status of UNDP's South-South Framework drafting the Terms of Reference and evaluation questions, conducted literature reviews and drafted analytical papers on existing literature, evaluations, and data on South-South initiatives within and beyond UNDP.

Consultant (*Jan 06-Dec 06*)

Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) NY

- As part of a three-person team, conducted an extensive mapping of UNDP's Capacity for Peace building, and drafted paper that was used for further discussion. Drafted briefing note for meeting with OECD/DAC, on UNDP's role in Public Administration within Fragile States through reviewing documents and interviewing staff in the field.
- Reviewed and analyzed the role of development drivers within the Multi-Year Funding Framework results database. The analysis was used to outline the role of development drivers in the following Multi-Year Funding Framework report.
- Conducted research on Organizational Strategies, and participated in the process of drafting the bureau's new Conflict Prevention and Recovery Strategy.
- Supported the Secretariat of the UNDP Avian Influenza Task force by representing UNDP at working group meetings, preparing reports and conducting research on current Avian Influenza issues. Managed and updated project details for donor liaison and reporting. Maintained a knowledge center on Avian Influenza issues and initiatives within UNDP and beyond.

Researcher/Consultant (*May 05-Jan 06*)

Evaluation Office (EO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)NY

- Conducted desk research, compile and review documentation for the evaluation of UNDP's Role and Contribution in Conflict-Affected countries. Drafted six individual country reports - namely Afghanistan, DRC, Haiti, Guatemala, Sierra Leone and Tajikistan with country situation status. The papers provided reference materials for senior consultants working on the evaluation of UNDP's Role and Contribution in Crisis.
- Undertook an extensive project mapping all of UNDP's financial resources devoted to conflict programming. Created comprehensive report with recommendations for continuing research work in this area.

Consultant, Directorate (December '03-February 05)

Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)NY

- Produced a detailed analytical report of Iraq's political process during the transition studying political developments and their implications, which is to remain as a reference for the bureau.
- Followed Iraq's political transition in the media/academia and prepared daily reports of political developments and analyses. Reports were used by the team supporting the UN's role in Iraq's political transition.
- Organized meetings, discussions and workshops bringing experts around the world to participate based on key papers, which will be shared with Iraqis involved in the transitional process

Intern, Iraq Team (September-November '03)

Department of Political Affairs (DPA), United Nations Secretariat

- Prepared briefing materials and policy analysis on a range of Iraq-related issues. Monitored the situation in Iraq and prepared reports twice daily displaying the political situation on ground, on the diplomatic level and political process surrounding the Iraqi resolution. Briefs and reports were used by the Asia and Pacific Division of DPA during the drafting of Security Council resolutions for Iraq.

Consultant, Policy Research Division (July –December '03)

Population Council, New York, NY

- Drafted a paper on the CHPS Multimedia System, a monitoring system for a Ghana-based health reform project (www.ghana-chps.org). The paper studied CHPS as a community-based health care initiative as a system developed to overcome challenges to bringing about organizational change in a resource-constrained setting
- Created, managed and regularly updated the website which hosts the CHPS Multimedia System for maintaining donor relations as well as general public viewing.

Intern, Research and Evaluation Division

Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh (May-August '01)

- Conducted extensive research on the field as well as the headquarters, on the impact of Non-Government organizations on strengthening the local governance structure and civil society.
- Drafted a working paper for the NGO on "The impact of NGO's on strengthening the Local Democratic Structures in Bangladesh".

Intern

Center for Strategic and Peace Studies (CSPS), Dhaka, Bangladesh (May-August '00)

- Conducted numerous interviews as well as general research and accumulated extensive information and documentation regarding the basic factors underlying the weakness of Bangladesh's democratic structure.
- Produced a working paper on this topic for the Center's future use, analyzed the future prospects of democracy in Bangladesh, and investigated the possibility of state failure.