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## Education

- Degree Oxford University - *St Edmund Hall, Oxford*  
Master of Arts in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Certificates United Nations University ILI International Leadership Certificate  
International Olympic Committee MOOC certificates in Integrity, Leadership, Psychology  
Ontarian OSSD and Certificat de Bilinguisme

## Employment History

- 2012 onwards CEO, GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION
- Head of international alliance of legislators working to combat corruption, uphold the rule of law, and enforce democratic accountability
  - Achieved unanimous passage of the global parliamentary concordat for international prosecution of kleptocracy and crimes against humanity
- 2008 - 2012 CEO, EQUINE CANADA AND THE CANADIAN EQUESTRIAN TEAM
- Achieved the team's best Olympic and Paralympic results in Canadian history
  - Increased the federation's revenue and membership to its highest level of all time
- 2006 - 2007 SENIOR RESIDENT, MASSEY COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
- Eminent Professional in public policy, peace, and conflict resolution
  - Advised graduate students on research and theses
- 2001 -2006 PRESIDENT AND CEO, CONCORDIS FOUNDATION
- Working with expatriate communities drawn from opposites sides of foreign armed conflicts, to create cultural and public policy strategies for peace building
- 1998 - 2001 SENIOR CONSULTANT, KPMG CONSULTING LP
- Structured partnerships between organisations in the private and public sectors
  - Advised multinational corporations and national governments on e-commerce
- 1996 - 1998 MANAGING DIRECTOR (CANADA), MAGNUM OPUS CONSORTIUM
- Orchestrated strategic planning and good governance processes for publicly traded firms and international NGOs
  - Engaged local stakeholders in national and global initiatives
- 1994 - 1996 MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, MCKINSEY & COMPANY
- Provided strategic and operational advice to CEOs and Boards of Directors of trans-national corporations, focusing on innovation and change management
  - Wrote the firm's summer 1995 international number-one "best-selling" analysis on electronic commerce, online financial systems, and emerging media
- 1993 - 1994 STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY
- Elected in a University-wide ballot as the first non-European and first overseas student President in the history of the 800 year-old University
  - Lobbied the House of Lords, culminating in evisceration of the 1994 Education Bill

## **Voluntary and Other Pursuits**

- Current:** Captain General, Canada's National Equestrian Skill-at-Arms Team  
Expert Member, Transparency International Global Network of Experts  
Expert Member, Canadian Centre of Excellence for Anti-Corruption  
Quadrangler, Massey College in the University of Toronto  
Executive Member, Oxford University Society Ottawa  
Urgent Action writer, Amnesty International  
Published Writer and Broadcast Essayist
- Past:** President and Chair of the Board, Parkdale Community Health Centre  
President, Commonwealth of Nations Association for UNICEF  
Class A Member & Ethics Committee Member, Canadian Olympic Committee  
Cavalry Rider, Governor General's Horse Guards  
Governor, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair  
Director, Jeunesse Canada Monde – Canada World Youth  
Toronto Director, Canadian Institute of International Affairs  
Member of the Public Affairs Committee, Daily Bread Food Bank  
Teacher of basic literacy and numeracy, Parkdale Project Read  
Volunteer, St Andrew's Church Out of the Cold Programme

## **Honours and Awards**

- 2015 FELLOW OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
Deepens public understanding of Canada's geography, natural heritage, and identity
- 2015 FELLOW OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY  
Furthers international understanding of Asian societies and cultures
- 2012 THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL FOR CANADA  
For service advancing the integrity of Canadian and international sport
- 2012 FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS  
Founded during the Enlightenment, its fellowship seeks to improve the human condition
- 2008 FREEDOM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE  
As Captain of UNICEF Team Canada, for work on childhood and maternal welfare
- 2003 CENTENNIAL FOUNDATION DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD  
For humanitarian efforts in the Arab-Israeli conflict
- 2002 THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL FOR CANADA  
For service to peace and reconciliation in the Middle East
- 1999 COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION FOR UNICEF GOLD MEDAL  
For contributions to oral rehydration therapy for children in the developing world
- 1996 ONTARIO SOCIETY FOR STUDIES IN INDO-CARIBBEAN CULTURE AWARD  
For service to the well-being of children and youth in Ontario and the Caribbean
- 1994 INDO-CANADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
For leadership in international advocacy for human rights
- 1992 JCR PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF ST EDMUND HALL, OXFORD  
Life appointment for distinguished service during elected JCR Presidency