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Education

Degree Oxford University - *St Edmund Hall, Oxford*
Master of Arts in Economics, Philosophy, and Politics

Certificates United Nations University ILI International Leadership Certificate
Ontarian Certificat de Bilinguisme

Employment History

2008 onwards CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EQUINE CANADA

- Canada's governing body for Olympic, international, and national equestrianism

2001 -2007 PRESIDENT AND CEO, CONCORDIS FOUNDATION

- Working with expatriate communities drawn from opposites sides of foreign armed conflicts, to create strategies for peace building
- Advising NGOs and multilateral agencies on global crisis management
- Decorated with the Queen's Jubilee Medal for work on the Arab-Israeli conflict

1998 - 2001 SENIOR CONSULTANT, KPMG CONSULTING LP

- Structured partnerships between organisations in the private and public sectors
- Developed strategies to help private and state organisations maximise impact
- 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, and assisted in managing the networks of resulting relationships
- Enabled organisations to migrate operations to the Internet and to exploit new media

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
- Advised on multi-billion dollar private ventures, focussing on energy and telecommunications
- Wrote the firm's summer 1995 international number-one "best-selling" analysis on electronic commerce, the internet, and emerging media

1993 - 1994 STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY

- Elected in a University wide ballot as the first non-European and first overseas President in the history of the 800 year-old University
- Represented all 16 000 students at the University Governing Body and committees, as well as at municipal, county, national, European Union, and international bodies
- Lobbied the House of Lords, culminating in emasculation of the 1994 Education Bill

Voluntary and Other Pursuits

- Current:** President, New Liberalism Ginger Group
Captain, Canada's National Equestrian Skill-at-Arms Team
Chair of the Board of Governors, Humber Community Service Scholarship
Quadrangler, Massey College in the University of Toronto
Cavalry Rider, Governor General's Horse Guards Cavalry Squadron
Urgent Action writer, Amnesty International (Canada)
Director, Canadian International Peace Project
Writer, articles published on three continents
Sabre Fencer, Ontario Fencing Association
- Past:** President, Commonwealth of Nations Association for UNICEF
National Policy Chair, Liberal Party of Canada
One of seven members appointed by the PM to write the 2000 Liberal Party *Red Book*
Member of the National Executive, Liberal Party of Canada
President and Chair of the Board, Parkdale Community Health Centre
Director, Jeunesse Canada Monde – Canada World Youth
Toronto Director, Canadian Institute of International Affairs
Chair of the UNICEF Ontario Youth Programmes Committee
Member of the UNICEF Canada National Youth Programmes Committee
Member of the Public Affairs Committee, Daily Bread Food Bank
Teacher of basic literacy and numeracy, Parkdale Project Read
Counsellor of victims of post-traumatic stress disorder
Volunteer, St Andrew's Church Out of the Cold Programme

Awards and State Honours

- 2008 FREEDOM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE
Accepted as Captain of Canada's National Equestrian Skill-at-Arms Team
For work in international sport and with UNICEF against childhood and maternal HIV
- 2003 CENTENNIAL FOUNDATION DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD
For humanitarian efforts in the Arab-Israeli conflict and in the Sri Lanka civil war
- 2002 THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL FOR CANADA
A State Honour for "augmenting Canada's standing in the international community"
- 1999 COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION FOR UNICEF GOLD MEDAL
For advocacy in support of 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 aid, advocacy, and human rights
- 1992 JCR PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF ST EDMUND HALL, OXFORD
Life appointment for exceptionally distinguished service during elected JCR Presidency
First such appointment in the history of the 800 year-old College

