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## Education

Degree	Oxford University Master of Arts in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Certificates	Sorbonne Université, Christianisme et philosophie dans l'Antiquité MOOC United Nations University, ILI International Leadership Certificate Ontarian OSSD avec Certificat de Bilinguisme

## Employment History

2023 onwards	DIRECTOR OF POLICY, NATURE CANADA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shaping the policies of states and public institutions, to fulfil international treaty obligations on conservation, biodiversity, and climate change</li></ul>
2022 onwards	SENIOR FELLOW, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Projects on Track II diplomacy, democracy and community governance, freedom of expression and human rights, peace and security, combatting international corruption</li></ul>
2018 – 2021	CEO, MOSAIC INSTITUTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advanced pluralism within societies and peace between nations, by brokering dialogue between peoples separated by strife</li></ul>
2012 – 2018	CEO, GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led the international alliance of legislators working to uphold the rule of law</li><li>Negotiated unanimous passage of the global accord for prosecution of kleptocracy</li></ul>
2008 – 2012	CEO, EQUINE CANADA AND THE CANADIAN EQUESTRIAN TEAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Achieved the team's best Olympic and Paralympic results in Canadian history</li><li>Increased the federation's revenue and membership to its highest level of all time</li></ul>
2001 – 2007	PRESIDENT AND CEO, CONCORDIS FOUNDATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Worked with expatriate communities drawn from opposites sides of foreign armed conflicts, to create cultural and public policy strategies for peace building</li></ul>
1998 – 2001	SENIOR CONSULTANT, KPMG CONSULTING LP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Structured partnerships between organisations in the private and public sectors</li></ul>
1996 – 1998	MANAGING DIRECTOR (CANADA), MAGNUM OPUS CONSORTIUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drove strategy and governance improvement at private firms and international NGOs</li></ul>
1994 – 1996	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, MCKINSEY & COMPANY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provided strategic and operational advice to CEOs and Boards of Directors</li><li>Wrote the summer 1995 global number-one "best-selling" analysis on e-commerce</li></ul>
1993 – 1994	STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elected in a University-wide ballot as the first non-European and first overseas student President in the history of the 900-year-old University</li><li>Lobbied the House of Lords, culminating in evisceration of the 1994 Education Bill</li></ul>

## Voluntary and Other Pursuits

- Current:** Ambassador-at-Large, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption  
Governor, Royal Canadian Geographical Society  
Governor, Massey College at the University of Toronto  
Olympic Supporter Category, Canadian Olympic Committee  
Vice President, Oxford University Society Ottawa  
Warden, Hon Company of Freemen of the City of London in North America  
Moderation Council Member, Reddit  
Expert Member, Transparency International Global Network of Experts
- Some Past:** Captain General, Canada's National Equestrian Skill-at-Arms Team  
President and Chair of the Board, Parkdale Community Health Centre  
President, Commonwealth of Nations Association for UNICEF  
Governor, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair  
Director, Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport  
Director, Jeunesse Canada Monde – Canada World Youth  
Member of the Public Affairs Committee, Daily Bread Food Bank  
Teacher of basic literacy and numeracy, Parkdale Project Read

## Honours and Awards

- 2024 KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL  
State honour, for services to the exploration and protection of the natural world
- 2017 COMMISSIONED A KENTUCKY COLONEL  
Kentucky's highest state honour, for services to ethics in international public affairs
- 2015 FELLOW OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
Deepens public understanding of Canada's geography, natural heritage, and identity
- 2012 THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL  
State honour, for 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  
Civic honour, as Captain of UNICEF Team Canada, for work on childhood 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  
State honour, for service to peace and reconciliation in the Middle East
- 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