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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
- Shaping the policies of states and public institutions, to fulfil international treaty obligations on conservation, biodiversity, and climate change
- 2022 onwards SENIOR FELLOW, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS
- Projects on Track II diplomacy, democracy and community governance, freedom of expression and human rights, peace and security, combatting international corruption
- 2018 – 2021 CEO, MOSAIC INSTITUTE
- Advanced pluralism within societies and peace between nations, by brokering dialogue between peoples separated by strife
- 2012 – 2018 CEO, GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION
- Led the international alliance of legislators working to uphold the rule of law
 - Negotiated unanimous passage of the global accord for prosecution of kleptocracy
- 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
- 2001 – 2007 PRESIDENT AND CEO, CONCORDIS FOUNDATION
- Worked 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
- 1996 – 1998 MANAGING DIRECTOR (CANADA), MAGNUM OPUS CONSORTIUM
- Drove strategy and governance improvement at private firms and international NGOs
- 1994 – 1996 MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, MCKINSEY & COMPANY
- Provided strategic and operational advice to CEOs and Boards of Directors
 - Wrote the summer 1995 global number-one "best-selling" analysis on e-commerce
- 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 900-year-old University
 - Lobbied the House of Lords, culminating in evisceration of the 1994 Education Bill

Voluntary and Other Pursuits

Current: Ambassador-at-Large, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption
Governor, Royal Canadian Geographical Society
Director, Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport
Olympic Supporter Category, Canadian Olympic Committee
Expert Member, Transparency International Global Network of Experts
Vice President, Oxford University Society Ottawa
Warden, Hon Company of Freemen of the City of London in North America

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, 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, Awards, and Fellowships

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

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
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 FOR CANADA
State honour, 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