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EXPERTISE & QUALIFICATIONS: Twenty-seven years experience conceptualizing, planning, implementing, funding, publicizing and evaluating projects in public policy, public health, education and culture for a diversity of public, private and non-governmental organizations in developing and industrialized countries. Intra-sectoral expertise in health and development (primary health, reproductive and sexual health, gender, health sector reform).

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE: Grant portfolio management; public policy, civil society and governance research and promotion; strategizing and analysis of programs; advocacy and public speaking; research and analysis; radio and television production and journalism (producer and host); grant writing and evaluation; fundraising; media and publicity; strategic planning, program/project design, management and evaluation, qualitative research, training and human resource development, Arab and Islamic culture and societies, MENA and Africa experience.

EDUCATION:

- 2007 **PhD** – University of London - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Public Health and Policy Department, London, U.K. - Topic: *Procedural justice within the policy process in Egypt: An analysis of health sector reform from 1983 to 2001.*
- 2001 **Master of Philosophy**, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Public Health and Policy Department, Public Health and Policy Department, Policy Unit
- 1994 **Master of Public Health**, University of California Los Angeles, School of Public Health, Focus: International Public Health Management and Policy
- 1979 **Bachelor Degree**, University of California San Diego, Double Degree Major Sociology and Linguistics, Minor Scientific Perspectives

The following summarizes my practical experience, categorized by focus and expertise. A chronology of professional positions held follows.

Public Health & Policy:

- The Pacific Institute for Women’s Health, Los Angeles, California
- World Health Organization, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Alexandria, Egypt
- UNESCO, Cairo, Egypt
- Children’s Television Workshop, Egyptian *Sesame Street* Production, Cairo, Egypt
- The Center for Development Communications, Cairo, Egypt
- Cost Recovery for Health Project - Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, Cairo, Egypt
- Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, Cairo, Egypt (Working with bilateral donors: USAID, Finnida, Danida, Dutch Aid and W.H.O.)

Academic Research & Training:

- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Public Health and Policy Department, Policy Unit, London
- University California Los Angeles, School of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

- Cost Recovery for Health Project - Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, Cairo, Egypt
- Kidney Cancer Program, UCLA Medical Center, Division of Urology, Clark Urological Center, Los Angeles, California

Media, Advocacy, Public Relations, Culture, Communications & Production:

- Levantine Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California
- Pacifica Radio KPFK 90.7 FM, Los Angeles, California
- The Pacific Institute for Women's Health, Los Angeles, California
- UNESCO, Paris, France and Cairo, Egypt
- UNIFEM, Cairo, Egypt
- Ministry of Culture, Egypt and Ghazala Inc., Los Angeles, California and Cairo, Egypt
- Rand Corporation, Los Angeles, California
- PRIME 9 NEWS, KCAL - TV, Los Angeles, California
- Los Angeles Giza Sister City Organization, Los Angeles, California and Giza, Egypt
- Ritz Paris International Affairs, New York, Paris, London
- Metropolitan Opera Association, New York, New York
- Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles, California
- Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- La Jolla Chamber Music Festival, La Jolla, California
- Carnegie Hall - *CHILDREN WILL LISTEN* Concert, New York, New York
- Carolco Pictures, Los Angeles, California

Fundraising & Development:

- World Health Organization, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Alexandria, Egypt
- Levantine Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California
- The Center for Development Communications, Cairo, Egypt
- Mother Hale's Home for HIV+ Children, Harlem, New York
- Metropolitan Opera Association, New York, New York
- Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles, California
- La Jolla Chamber Music Society and Festival, La Jolla, California
- Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Foundation of the Sultan of Brunei, New York, New York

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD:

- 2005-present **Levantine Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA - Vice President** - The Levantine Cultural Center (LCC) promotes a greater understanding of the Middle East and North Africa by presenting artistic and educational programs that bridge political and religious divides. As a pan-cultural center for the Middle East in Southern California, the work of LCC combines peace-building with arts and media outreach. LCC consistently addresses the need for inter-ethnic and religious tolerance among cultures in conflict, as well as the need to present American media with alternative, positive information on the societies of the Middle East through the creative work of authors, filmmakers and performing artists. Our programs frequently help Americans interpret regional conflicts through conferences and discussions with academics and activists whose work addresses, for example, Islam, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Iraq or Iran. As VP, I oversee programs, finances and staff; develop strategic plans; provide technical assistance, grant writing and overall management of LCC.
- 2005-9 **Pacifica Radio KPFK 90.7 FM Los Angeles, CA – Producer/ Host Radio Intifada** - A weekly one hour radio review of politics, social issues and culture: Bringing the voices of the voiceless from Kolkata to Casablanca (South and West Asia and North Africa). Produce, research, identify program topics and experts for interview, write scripts and host live radio shows with guests throughout the Middle East.
- 2003-4 **The Pacific Institute for Women's Health, Los Angeles, CA – Senior Program Officer for Africa and Middle East** – Managed a program of innovative activities contributing to the health and empowerment of women and girls in Africa. Overall management of PIWH programs in Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya and Burkina Faso working in the areas of Adolescent Sexual and

- Reproductive Health, Community Based Participation models, RH and Rights of Women and Girls. Led Africa program team (including Program Officer, Program Assistant, consultants, and program implementation colleagues) in achievement of program objectives. Provided technical support to African NGO partners (on-site) in design, implementation, and evaluation of program activities. Researched and wrote proposals for funding of new programs in women's empowerment, violence against women and FGM. Served as a resource on African women's and adolescents' RH and rights in professional forums. Contributed to an institutional culture of mutual learning, exchange, and mentoring.
- 2000-1 **UNESCO, Cairo, Egypt – Consultant** - Developed Concept Papers for UNESCO for joint project with UNFPA and UNICEF on *Meeting the Needs of Adolescent Health: The Participation by Adolescents in Reproductive Health Information, Education and Communication* (MOHP, Supreme Council of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Information)
- 1998-9 **Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt and USAID - Consultant Content and Applications Specialist** - Technical Needs Assessment of Continuing Education and Distance Learning. Target audience all primary health care providers in Egypt.
- 1993-8 **World Health Organization, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Alexandria, Egypt - Consultant**- Established Extra Budgetary Fund Raising (EBFR) program for EMRO. Established database of possible funding agencies and protocol for EBFR. Standardized project proposals. Trained regional advisors and WHO country representatives in EBFR and proposal writing.
- 1995-9 **Children's Television Workshop, Cairo, Egypt – Development Advisor**
Initiated and oversaw the development phase (3.5 years) of the Egyptian indigenous production of *Sesame Street* or *Alam Simsim*. Established all initial contact and support from key stakeholders in Egypt and CTW executives in New York. Researched, campaigned, and solicited financial, political and technical support for CTW to come to Egypt. Arranged all fact-finding-missions to Egypt for CTW executives. Led technical needs assessment. Engaged Egyptian experts in children's education, health, rights, psychology and development. Caucused Egyptian teachers, artists, sociologists, anthropologists, producers and Egyptian Ministers of Health, Education, Information and Culture. Funded by USAID, *Alam Simsim* is airing throughout Egypt on terrestrial TV.
- 1996-7 **Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, Cost Recovery for Health Project funded by USAID - Information, Education, Communications (IEC) & Marketing Director**
The main targets of Cost Recovery were to enhance affordability, accessibility, sustainability and quality of MOHP hospitals throughout the country. Established IEC systems, wrote and directed trainings and implemented marketing programs in MOHP hospitals and polyclinics. Directed and carried out qualitative and quantitative research.
- 1995-6 **The Center for Development Communications, Cairo, Egypt - Producer/Project Coordinator**
Coordinated a thirteen part soap opera television series funded by Ford Foundation, Danida and Finnida addressing major social and health issues facing Egyptians. Raised 2/3 funds. Worked with the MOHP and donors to determine the educational content and goals. Wrote treatment of television series. Worked with technical assistants and writers to refine treatment for production. *Bread and Water* aired on Egyptian television during Ramadan 1998 and 1999.
- 1995 **Kidney Cancer Program Patient and Research Coordinator, UCLA Medical Center, Division of Urology, Clark Urological Center - Patient Care and Research Coordinator**
Oversaw patient research and clinical schedules. Screened new patients for care. Prepared and maintained all patient charts and records. Scheduled and informed patients for radiology and pathology treatment, surgery and education. Organized clinic conferences. Reported to medical staff on daily patient status.
- 1995 **RAND CORPORATION, Los Angeles, Calif. - Writer** – Translated and wrote complex medical research findings, published by *JAMA* and *NEJM*, into lay language for press and public information.
- 1993-94 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles - Teaching Assistant**
Provided graduate teaching support for Department of Health Services, SPH. Assisted with developing course curriculum, class lectures, discussion groups. Wrote and graded exams.
- 1992 **PRIME 9 NEWS, KCAL - TV, Los Angeles, Calif. - Researcher/Story Editor**
Researched and lined up stories dealing with health and social issues for prime time news. Oversaw Research Library. Executed Lexis, Nexis and video searches.

- 1983-1990 **Rheedlen, Harlem, New York - Volunteer** – Rheedlen provided at-risk children a safe and productive environment and caring adults to guide them towards a more promising future by focusing on a holistic approach to child development involving mental and physical health, social behavior, academic and cultural education and self-esteem. My years of volunteer work at Rheedlen were a pivotal experience that led to a career change in public health and development.
- 1986-91 **NILE PRODUCTIONS, New York, Paris, Montreal - Producer**
Independent Production/Communications Company Produced concerts, video, television and special events. Created and produced the first Pediatric AIDS benefit in the U.S. in January 1989 at Carnegie Hall. Televised on NBC (*Children Will Listen*) the benefit concert featured more than 180 artists and raised national awareness of Pediatric AIDS and \$250,000 for four NGOs providing care for HIV+ children in NYC. Dr. Ayre Rubenstein and twelve HIV+ children and their families were honored. Executive Produced videos for public awareness of Pediatric AIDS. Created and implemented cultural events in France and New York for UNESCO, Radio France, Shang Dance Co. and Primerica Corp.
- 1984-86 **RITZ PARIS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, New York, Paris, London - Development, Communications and Public Affairs Director** - Established charitable Foundation for the Sultan of Brunei managing the allocation of \$120 million in aid for refugees, women children and the elderly. Built grant portfolio from conception. Developed and produced public relations events for Ritz Hotel, Paris and Harrod's, London. Produced and established the Ritz Paris Hemingway Award for literature (project budget of \$750,000). Supervision of outside agencies contracted for preparation of the inauguration of Brunei to the United Nations. Served as New York press liaison for Harrods' buyout. Ongoing responsibilities included budget projection and fiscal reporting of monthly budget ranging from \$75-300,000.
- 1983-84 **METROPOLITAN OPERA ASSOCIATION, New York - Assistant Public Affairs Director**
 Member of development team that raised \$100 million endowment and executed over 60 Metropolitan Opera Centennial events. Co-curated and installed 23 exhibits in New York museums and stores and local and federal government institutions. Co-wrote brochures and exhibit catalogs.
- 1979-82 **LOS ANGELES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Los Angeles – Assistant Director of Marketing**
SANTA FE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, New Mexico - Assistant Producer
LA JOLLA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, La Jolla - Assistant Manager
 Wrote and produced press releases, quarterly newsletters and public service announcements. Developed subscription and group sales campaign increasing sales by 40%. Developed educational projects for public school system. Coordinated physical production and logistics.

GRANTS and AWARDS:

Middle East Awards Research Program in Population & Social Sciences – Funded jointly by the Ford Foundation, the Population Council and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development

LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS:

- 2005-present Frequent panelist, moderator and presenter of Middle East cultural events including authors, poets, musicians, filmmakers and academics.
- 2005-8 **Host/Producer** - Pacifica Radio KPFK 90.7 FM Los Angeles, CA – **Radio Intifada** is a weekly hour radio show. Topics: *Political Reform in Egypt, The Future of Iraq: A Viable Exit Strategy, Women's Reproductive Health in North Africa, Spying on Arab Americans and much more.*
- Nov. 2004 **Presenter** – American Public Health Association Annual Conference, *Women's NGOs and their ability to impact national policies regarding reproductive health issues in Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey.*
- Nov. 2004 **Panel Organizer/ Moderator** – American Public Health Association Annual Conference, *Health Impacts of War in the Middle East*
- Feb. 2003 **Guest Lecturer** – University of Arizona Tucson, Law School, Lectured on *International Development and Procedural Justice*
- August 2002 **Guest Lecturer** - California State University, Hayward, Calif. Lectured on *Development Work in Egypt 1970-2000.* Upper Division course Anthropology 3580, Anthropology of the Middle East

- March 1999 **Consultant** - Ministry of Health and Population, Cairo, Egypt. Delivered oral report to the Minister on the *Feasibilities of Continuing Education and Proposed Content for Primary Health Care Workers in Egypt*.
- May 1996 **Consultant** - WHO, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), Alexandria, Egypt. Gave presentations to regional advisors and regional director on extra-budgetary funding and assessing donor needs.
- 1996-97 **IEC Director** – CRHP project MOHP, Cairo, Egypt. Conducted numerous presentations and training sessions at the five pilot sites for CRHP in Egypt.
- 1993-94 **Teaching Assistant** – UCLA School of Public Health. Delivered weekly lectures to graduate students in MPH program on Health Policy and Management in the US health system.

PROFESSIONAL, POLITICAL & VOLUNTARY INVOLVEMENT:

Member: American Public Health Association, Amnesty International, Code Pink, National Council for International Health, Muslim Public Affairs Council, ACLU
Active Board Member: Levantine Cultural Center, UCLA School of Public Health Alumni Association, and Pacifica Radio KPFK Los Angeles

NATIONALITY: American and Egyptian

LANGUAGES:	Speaking	Writing	Reading
ENGLISH	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
FRENCH	Professional competency	PC	PC
ARABIC	Good get-around fluency	Basic	Basic
SPANISH	Good basic skills	Good	Good

References provided upon request.