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EDUCATION

American University, Washington, DC ■ 2003 to date (defense scheduled, Nov. 2009)
Currently completing a Ph.D. in International Relations. This dissertation considers the potential for social services to contribute towards conflict transformation during civil wars, using a comparison of social service provision during three conflicts – Northern Ireland, southern Sudan and Tajikistan.

M.A. in International Relations, Dublin City University, 1999 (First Class Honors)
Thesis: “Enlightened self interest? Irish Aid and Foreign Policy to Sudan 1972 – 1998.”
Course work included Development Theory, International Relations, Ethnicity and Nationalism, International Law, IPE, and area studies of Africa and Latin America.

Masters in Accounting, Smurfit Graduate School of Business, UCD, 1993 (Honors)
Thesis: “A Critical Appraisal of the Accounting Standards Committee 1970-1990.”
Course work included Financial Management, Financial and Management Accounting, Taxation, Business Law and Accounting Theory.

Bachelor of Commerce, UCD, 1992 (First class honors)
A general purpose business studies degree, topics covered included management, marketing, business organization, management information systems, human resource management, logistics, business law, finance and accounting.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

FCA - Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland (formerly the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland), Dublin, Ireland ■ January 1997
Fellowship granted after ten years as Associate member. Membership granted upon completion of a three year professional training contract with Price Waterhouse, successful completion of a Final Admission Examination and approved curriculum.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant ■ December 2002 – to date

Consultancy work has included providing support for the establishment of financial management and control systems for new multi-country aid programs, analysis of the political and human rights situations in Sudan and Angola, and of US foreign and aid policy, together with management consultancy services (primarily assistance for strategic planning processes at head office and field operations). Organisations worked for have included:

- **Minority Rights Group**, London, January 2008
- **GOAL Ireland**, Dublin, Ireland, August 2007, Jan - March 2003
- **GOAL Sudan**, Khartoum, June – July 2006, September – October 2005 and July – August 2004
- **GOAL USA Fund**, Washington D.C., August 2003 – December 2004
- **Human Rights Watch**, New York, December 2002 – January 2003

**Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Accounting,
Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP),
Almaty, Kazakhstan ■ September 2007 – to August 2009**

Appointed Chair October 2008, supervising 10 other fulltime faculty and up to five part-time instructors. Responsibilities included overseeing program, curriculum and faculty development and course quality, external relations with the Big 4 accounting firms, personnel and course management, faculty evaluation and teaching. Classes taught included introductory courses in financial and management accounting and oil and gas accounting at both under-graduate and MBA levels. Other duties have included active involvement in a number of business school and departmental committees, including the school research, conference organization, disciplinary, hiring and election monitoring committees and departmental hiring, curriculum and scheduling committees.

Faculty on Special Appointment, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP), Almaty, Kazakhstan ■ Jan 2005 – to May 2005

Taught Oil and Gas Accounting to MBA students (6 contact hours). Other duties included providing technical support in the development of an executive MBA program and the strategic plan for the business school.

Country Director, GOAL Angola ■ August 2000 – December 2002

Primary responsibility for the management of GOAL's country program in Angola, both during the conflict and in the post conflict transition stage. Increased the annual budget from US\$1m to US\$6m, supervising over 200 staff, targeting services to assist a total population of up to 60,000 in conflict / post conflict environments. Programming sectors included health (HIV/AIDS and primary healthcare); street children (protection, rehabilitation and advocacy/human rights); refugee assistance and urban water and sanitation in three locations (Luanda, Saurimo and Luena). Major donors included USAID, Irish Aid, the EU, UN agencies (including OCHA, WFP and UNICEF), Italian Co-operation and Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Deputy Country Director (1999 – 2000), GOAL Sudan ■ August 1999 – July 2000

Assisted GOAL's Country Director with the management of GOAL's country program in government held Sudan (northern sector), with an annual budget of US\$1 - 2m. Programming sectors included primary healthcare, sanitation, participative women's literacy and community development projects. Other duties included needs assessments, proposal and report writing, liaison with the Sudanese government, INGOs, ICRC and UN agencies, and assessment of operational security risks. Major donors included USAID, Dutch government, EU, DFID and Ireland Aid.

Financial Controller, GOAL Sudan ■ January 1997 – September 1998

Financial control of an annual budget of US\$1m - 2m, with up to 200 local and seven international staff, compiling financial reports and budgets to governmental, multi-lateral and private donors. Also responsible for management of personnel, logistics, legal and administration functions.

Audit Assistant to Audit Supervisor, Price Waterhouse, Ireland ■ October 1993 – December 1996

Working for Price Waterhouse in Dublin, responsibilities included field work delivery of divisional audits of multinational and medium-sized companies, NGO's and investment funds, supervising audit teams, meeting time-sensitive group reporting deadlines and liaising with local senior management. Overseas assignments included PW Sydney, Australia (1994), PW Birmingham, UK (1995) and PW London (1996) for periods of 2 to 6 months. These assignments had a particular focus on corporate restructuring and privatization. Also seconded to the internal audit function of an Irish government owned enterprise (2 months). Received special training in the audit of pension and investment funds (1995).

LANGUAGES

English – mother tongue; substantial experience in crafting text for academic and media publications as well as extensive report writing experience.

Irish (Gaeilge) - strong written and spoken as a result of attending Irish language immersion school (*Gael scoil*) from 1976 to 1983.

French – good spoken, good reading, intermediate writing competence.

Portuguese – good spoken and reading, basic writing competence.

Arabic – competent spoken Sudanese colloquial Arabic, basic reading ability in Modern Standard Arabic.

Russian – Basic spoken and reading

GRANTS, AWARDS AND OTHER RECOGNITION

Certificate of Recognition, recognizing a significant contribution made while serving as Chair, Department of Accounting, awarded by the Dean of the Bang College of Business and the Executive Vice-President of KIMEP, May 2009.

Co-winner of the *American Sociological Association Peace, War and Social Conflict section's Elise M. Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award* for a paper entitled "Humanitarian Aid, Social Services, and Conflict Dynamics: Exploring the Case of Sudan", August 2007.

School of International Service Dissertation Fellowship, American University, 2006-2007.

Hurst Scholarship, American University, Washington D.C., 2003 – 2006.

Phi Delta Gamma Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year.

American University Graduate Leadership Council Grant, 2006, and American University School of International Service travel grants, to attend 2004 APSA Annual Conference, 2005 WISC International Conference in Istanbul and 2009 MPSA Annual conference.

Language training grant for Arabic language training in Khartoum, Sudan, 1999-2000, from the Irish Government's Agency for Personnel Serving Overseas (APSO) and GOAL Ireland.

Full time education grant (GOAL and APSO), to assist with tuition and living costs in completing a Masters in International Relations, Dublin, Ireland, 1998 – 1999.

Full time education grant (Price Waterhouse), to assist with tuition and living expenses in completing a Masters in Accounting, Dublin, Ireland, 1992-1993.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Other Pro Bono Work

Provided consulting advice to Loveshack, a small Irish NGO with operations targeting street children and urban poor in Nairobi, Kenya. Work carried out in Ireland, in August 2008, and with Self Help Africa and Small Foundation, August 2009, in a brainstorming session on the scale-up of existing best development practice.

Field tested and provided an evaluation of the "Minimum Initial Service Package for Reproductive Health in Crisis Situations: A Distance Learning Module" produced by the Women's Commission for Refugees and Children, while based in Khartoum, Sudan, July 2006.

REFEREES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

A full list of recent publications and presentations is available upon request. Referees available upon request.