**Professional Experience:**

**United Nations New York**

***Spokesman for United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres 2017 - Present***

***Spokesman for United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon - 2014 - 2016***

***Spokesman for United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan 2005 - 2006***

* **Provide communications advice on highly sensitive issues to each of the Secretaries-General,** helping them to cope with diverse challenges while optimizing their standing in the press and public.
* **Manage a multicultural team** – including partners and colleagues around the world - while working under intense pressures that included giving daily press briefings often to hostile reporters; keeping the Secretary-General abreast of breaking developments while crafting messaging to respond; and continuously serving the media, including more than 200 international journalists at Headquarters and countless others during trips to more than 60 countries.
* **Develop relationships with key media personnel from leading global news organizations**, including BBC, CNN, Fox News, al-Jazeera, AP, Reuters, Radio France International, al-Arabiya, the New York Times, EuroNews, Israel Radio and many others.
* **Nurture relationships with surrogates and partners**, coordinating strategic approaches to communications challenges across a range of platforms (print, broadcast, social media).

**Secretary-General Antonio Guterres**

* Managed front facing messaging during high-risk period between the United Nations and current United States administration.

**Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon**

* Led on communications for the Secretary-General around Children in Armed Conflict report of 2016, Gaza conflict 2014; post Copenhagen climate efforts and other milestones.
* Improved Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s personal profile through targeted outreach, placement in non-traditional media

**Secretary-General Kofi Annan**

* Managed all aspects of the response to a global public figure who was alternatively lionized by the Nobel Peace Prize and tainted by the Oil-for-Food scandal.

***Director of the News & Media Division, Department of Public Information 2011-2014***

* **Established new partnerships and created new products to enhance the distribution of UN messages and values globally and locally**. Increased the reach of UN media products through partnerships with media companies, airlines and mobile content providers.
* **Expanded Social Media**. Produced first-ever live global Social Media conversation with the Secretary-General, seen by more than 12 million viewers across multiple platforms. Developed partnerships with social media companies.
* **Reorganized the Division to optimize resources**, improve quality-control and sharpen message delivery. Created ‘content’ and ‘operations’ branches to mirror a newsroom so as to maximize impact. Set-up work flows to generate cost-cutting opportunities and synergies across media platforms in various languages. Managed $149 million budget in a financially contracting environment.

***Director of Communications, UN Development Programme 2008-2011***

* Elaborated strategies to increase coordination of UNDP messages at the global and regional level. Managed 28-person team to create new topic and country specific products for donor community. Responsible for the redesign of UNDP external website. Set-up new work flows to ensure coordination of message between headquarters and the field.
* Built relationships with outside partners to expand the reach of UNDP’s key messages.
* Served as Spokesman for UNDP on a number of high-risk press stories. Managed media response to stories threatening UNDP’s reputation, including corruption and general issues of accountability and transparency.

***Deputy Communications Director Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon 2007/8***

* Secretary-General’s liaison with major American Jewish Organizations in the US. Maintained a positive working relationship with Jewish leaders and addressed Jewish groups on behalf of the Secretary-General thus generating goodwill and improving relations
* Advised the Secretary-General and senior United Nations staff on communications issues. Prepared the Secretary-General for press conferences in a new media environment. Drafted press remarks and guidance while advising on strategic communications issues.

***Associate Spokesman for Secretary-General Kofi Annan 2000 - 2005***

* Provided on-the-record interviews in English and French to journalists and also gave background information on more sensitive issues.
* Coordinated television coverage for the Secretary-General’s public appearances.

**ABC News Television Paris – London – New York**

***Assignment Editor, Foreign Desk 1991-2000***

* Carried out extensive coverage coordination of major news events for ABC News’ flagship broadcasts.

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**Education**

***Georgetown University, Washington, DC 1984-1988***

* Bachelor of Science, School of Foreign Service. Major: Western History and Diplomacy

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**Military Experience**:

***French Navy 1989-1991***

* Successfully completed Officer Candidate School. Assigned to a Maritime Rescue Coordination Center. Initiated and coordinated rescue operations; supervised enlisted personnel. Completed reserve obligation as Lieutenant (jg).

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**Personal Information**

* Fluent in English and French. Working knowledge of Italian.
* Experience leadership in non-for-profit boards.
* French citizen.