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Current

My vocational life includes a successful, bilingual consulting firm that focuses on the economics of the Americas. To achieve technical proficiency and professional recognition in finance—and to contribute research findings—I am applying to leading graduate programs around the world.

Experience

Executive Editor, Antigua Report

July 2016 –

Antigua Report is my consulting startup with four employees spread throughout Latin America, serving primarily US-based clients. Contract roles: managing editor, American Institute for Economic Research; roving editor, Gold Newsletter; managing editor, Impunity Observer; social-media director, Secure Free Society; columnist, Epoch Times; English-language advisor, Cedice Libertad.

Editor in Chief, PanAm Post

March 2013 – January 2016

As the director of a media startup, I spent three years building a bilingual publication in the Americas with 12 staff members and 12,000 subscribers. The PanAm Post in Miami passed all targeted competitors, with an Alexa world ranking of 75,000, and dominated English-language coverage of Cuba, Venezuela, and the Bolivarian Alliance.

Director of Fiscal Policy Studies, John Locke Foundation

August 2011 – December 2012

On behalf of North Carolina's premier policy institute, I led research on taxation and the state budget. In addition to weekly newsletters and in-depth policy papers, this role included speaking engagements and regular op-eds. Contract roles: radio host, Overseas Radio Network; columnist, La Conexión.

Editor and Reporter, Pelican Institute for Public Policy

June 2010 – June 2011

New Orleans, Louisiana, offered an ideal breeding ground for a young reporter. I earned my spurs covering state policy and published widely. Upon proving my work ethic and competence, I became editor of the institute. Contract roles: policy adviser, Future of Freedom Foundation; reporter, World Net Daily.

Visiting Scholar, American Institute for Economic Research

June 2009 – January 2010

AIER in Western Massachusetts gave me my big break when I was on the road searching. With their trust and support, my first article got published in the Washington Times, and my next got nationally syndicated. Contract roles: research associate, Frontier Centre; contributor, C2C Journal.

Education

Graduate Diploma in Political Science, University of Waikato

February 2007 – December 2008

A return to New Zealand saw a broadening of my studies to get a sense for PhD options. I began a column with Nexus magazine, taught macroeconomics, and completed a directed study on the acquisition of private property.

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Boston University

January 2003 – December 2006

An athletic scholarship allowed me to attend Boston University and receive a rigorous education. My last semester included a directed study on the economics of marriage, published in the university's peer-reviewed journal.

Certifications

- Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE, Level B2), Cervantes Institute, 2018.
 - Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC), Bloomberg LP, 2017.
 - Certificate in Cuban Studies, University of Miami, 2013.
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Achievements

Publications (summary)

United States: American Conservative, Charlotte Observer, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Econ Journal Watch, Daily Caller, Fayetteville Observer, Fox News, La Conexión, LewRockwell.com, Mises Institute, Providence Journal, Sacramento Bee, Tax Revolution Institute, Washington Times, World Net Daily.

Canada: C2C Journal, Fraser Institute, Halifax Chronicle Herald, Victoria Times Colonist.

New Zealand: National Business Review, New Zealand Herald, Nexus Magazine, Waikato Times.

Discourses

Television: Fox Business, Kenner TV, Russia Today, WLAE Louisiana.

Radio: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, KTRB California, KZLS Oklahoma, Republic Broadcasting Network, Sirius XM Patriot, WGSO Louisiana, WPTF North Carolina.

Speeches: Duke University, National Congress of Paraguay, North Carolina General Assembly, TEDx Cali (Colombia), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wagner College.

Awards

CFA Level I Scholarship, CFA Institute (2018); Third columnist, New Zealand Student Press Awards (2008); senior single-scul and coxless-four champion, New Zealand Rowing Championships (2008, 2007); full athletic-scholarship recipient, three-time Academic Dean's List, Boston University (2003-2006); single-scul representative, New Zealand Under-21 Rowing Team (2002).

Immersion

Lived: Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Ireland, New Zealand, United States.

Traveled: Aruba, Australia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, England, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Born: March 25, 1983, in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Citizenships: Canada, Ireland, New Zealand.

References available upon request.