

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

2001- 2003

New York, USA

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

Degree: Master of International Affairs

Concentration: Economic and Political Development

Honors: Full two-year fellowship of the U.S. Department of State, “Ron Brown Program”

2000 - 2001

London, UK

London School of Economics and Political Science

Degree: Master of Science in Social Anthropology

Master’s thesis: “Gender issues & cultural rights: the case of the Bulgarian Roma”

Honors: Merit award recipient

1993 – 1997

Boston, USA

Eastern Nazarene College

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Majors: French Studies & Business Administration (accounting).

Honors: Dean’s scholarship, Business Student scholarship

EXPERIENCE IN NON-PROFIT SECTOR:

current

Sofia, Bulgaria

Center for the Study of Democracy, *research fellow*

- Conduct research on issues related to European Union integration and organized crime.

Nov 2002 - May 2003

New York, USA

UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS, *consultant*

- Took part in pilot project aiming to localize the Millennium Development Goals by organizing and conducting two participatory workshops in a Roma community in Bulgaria and in The Republic of Altai, Russia.
- Conducted baseline research, a limited asset assessment, gathered data through field interviews with local government, NGO, and community representatives.

Nov 2002 - May 2003

New York, USA

Columbia University, The Earth Institute, *research assistant*

- Conducted research and analysis of economic and trade data for a book on EU enlargement and environmental policies in Eastern Europe and the CIS.

May - Aug. 2002

New York, USA

Global Policy Forum, *associate*

- Wrote comments & analyses for a website devoted to UN peacekeeping operations.
- Participated in weekly private briefings of the UN Security Council ambassadors.

Feb. - April 2002

New York, USA

Policy Working Group on the United Nations and Terrorism, *researcher*

- Authored an annotated bibliography of Russian language monographs on terrorism.

Nov 2000 - May 2001

*London, UK &
Kathmandu, Nepal*

Rugmark UK, *consultant*

- Participated in the financial and administrative establishment of the UK office.
- Conducted research on issues of child labor in South Asia.
- Participated in inspections of child labor use in carpet factories in Kathmandu.

June – Aug. 2000

*Boston, USA &
Chiapas, Mexico*

Physicians for Human Rights, *intern*

Research Department

- Researched and wrote sections of human rights reports on Kosovo.
- Prepared questionnaires & conducted interviews during a mission to Chiapas.

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Jan - May 2000
Cambridge, USA

Harvard University, intern

J.F. Kennedy School of Government - Carr Center for Human Rights

- Assisted with research on "A Problem from Hell", a book on US policy on genocide.
- Organized two lectures and movie screening about the Eastern European Roma.

EXPERIENCE IN PRIVATE SECTOR:

July 1998 - June 2000
Boston, USA

Beacon Health Strategies, financial analyst

- Responsible for the accounting activity of a \$15 million health insurance company.
- Prepared and analyzed all financial reports and budget projections.
- Worked closely with the CFO on analyses of business development projects.
- Served as a liaison with auditors and CPA consultants.
- Participated in a company-improvement task-force.
- Negotiated lease agreements and purchases of office equipment.
- Optimized the financial reporting by implementing a new accounting software.

July 1997 - June 1998
Boston, USA

Putnam Investments, trading administrator

- Executed equity trades for 200 retirement plans (a daily volume of \$10 mln).
- Maintained relationships with NYSE stock brokers and internal equity traders.
- Developed Excel spreadsheets that increased the team's time efficiency by 15%.
- Functioned in a high-pressure and fast-paced environment in a four-person team.

Jan. 1997 - June 1997
Boston, USA

Putnam Investments, technical administrator

- Oversaw a three-person team's electronic trading and reporting activities.
- Executed and monitored mutual fund trades for 20 retirement plans.

July - Aug. 1996
Boston, USA

Salomon Smith Barney, intern

- Conducted industry, company, & market research for a financial consultant.
- Provided product and services information on customers' request.

COMMUNITY WORK:

1998 - 2000
Boston, USA

Bulgarian Cultural Society in Boston

- Organized concerts, a film festival, talks of intellectuals and government officials.

OTHER STUDIES:

July 2001
Budapest, Hungary

Central European University, fellow of the Open Society Foundation

Major: Three-week anthropological field seminar on Roma issues

June 1999 & Jan 2001
Guatemala & Peru

AmeriSpan Unlimited

Major: Advanced level Spanish language studies

1997-1999
Cambridge, USA

Harvard University Extension School, part-time student

Major: Anthropology

1995 - 1996
Paris, France

La Sorbonne, French Language Certificate

Major: French Language and Civilization Course

Language Skills: Fluent in Bulgarian and English. Read and speak French, Spanish, Russian & Macedonian

Technical Skills: Advanced level of Excel, Word and Power Point. Familiarity with SPSS.