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EDUCATION

PhD, International Development
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana Graduated: May 16, 2016

MS, International Economic Development, *Magna Cum Laude*
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana Graduated: May 13, 2006

MEd, International Education, *Summa Cum Laude*
Framingham State College, Katowice, Poland Branch Graduated: Aug. 31, 2003

BA, Religion, Concentration in Philosophy
Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia Graduated: May 12, 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor Political Science & International Development
Tulane University Jul. 2021 – Present

Designing and teaching cross-listed undergraduate and graduate level courses including: “Organizational Leadership & Management of NGOs in the Developing World”, “Post-Conflict Development”, “The Rise of Christian Nationalism”, “Sustainable Tourism”, and “Introduction to International Development”, “International Health and Sustainable Development”. Supervised student research and policy analysis on global social innovation initiatives.

Adjunct Professor of International Development
Tulane University Jan. 2017 – Jul. 2021
Taught cross-listed International Development/Political Science material, focusing on improving research and writing skills as well as analyzing content from multiple disciplines.

Co-Founder & Chairman HIV Awareness “iKnow” Initiative
Global Livingston Institute, Uganda & Rwanda Jan. 2014 - Aug. 2020
Annually planned and executed large-scale health initiatives anchored in a region-wide festival sequence; the largest concerts in East Africa. Produced eight series, twenty-one concerts to revitalize the local economy, jumpstart tourism, and improve the health of the surrounding region by providing access to medical care, specifically over 35,000 HIV tests and linkage to ongoing treatment. Coordinated diplomatic missions, development NGOs, community leaders, private donors, and foundations around the world.

Founder & Director
Wahida Unity Project Jan. 2011 – Present
Spearheaded a social innovation initiative using music and arts to foster cross-cultural dialogue between the U.S. and Islamic communities. Designed and led experiential learning programs integrating creative problem-solving and cultural

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diplomacy. Produced *The Sufi Second Line*, an interdisciplinary artistic collaboration promoting social cohesion and storytelling bringing stakeholders together to explore solutions to protracted social problems.

Prevention & Education Program Manager

Odysey House Louisiana (OHL), New Orleans

Dec. 2015-Oct. 2018

Oversaw strategic planning and development of multiple five-year, multi-million-dollar SAMHSA-funded program and operations, facilitated outreach and recruitment; supervised data collection; trained staff and coordinated with various grantors. Responsible for Medicaid enrollment applications, field testing for HIV and HEP C, voter registration, all reporting to local, state, and federal partners.

General Manager WHIV-LP 102.3FM

NOSIDA/OHL, New Orleans

Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2016

Directed development of a start-up radio station focusing on Public Health, Human Rights, and Social Justice. Specialized in forming partnerships with other nonprofits, businesses, governmental agencies and key stakeholders. Dealt extensively with community leaders and elected representatives. Built, trained, and managed a team of 70+ volunteer hosts, DJs, interns, donors, etc.

Founder and Chairman of Board of Directors

Voices for International Business & Education, New Orleans Aug. '08 – Dec. '13

Authored Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Type 2 Charter for the International High School. Active in fund-raising, grant-writing, publicity, and governance of nonprofit organization. Built partnerships with representatives of foreign nations, chambers of commerce, and local, state, and federal governments. Oversaw ongoing budget of \$5 million

Professor of English Literature

Polonia University, Czestochowa, Poland

Oct. 2001 – Jun. 2004

Teaching the history of English literature from *Beowulf* to Oscar Wilde focusing on the historical context in which each piece was written, students read, analyzed and presented aspects of the texts to the class, with discussion and debate

SKILLS, PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & AWARDS

LANGUAGES – Urdu: highly proficient

Hindi: proficient

Polish: intermediate

Arabic: basic

PUBLICATIONS

Palgrave Macmillan Publishers

December 2024-Present

Serving as a reviewer for this esteemed 180-year-old publishing house editing and assessing the research methodologies and effectiveness of manuscripts focusing primarily on religious nationalism

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Politics and Religion Journal

July 2023- Present

Serving as a reviewer for this journal out of Cambridge University editing and assessing the research methodologies and effectiveness of concepts presented for numerous articles across political and religious spectrums around the world

Sociology International Journal, Vol. 3, Issue 6

November 2019

“Music as a vehicle for reducing HIV stigma and increasing access to testing in rural Uganda: A quasi-experimental, mixed-methods study”

International Journal of Community Development, Vol. 6, Issue 1

June 2017

“Music Festivals Serving as a Catalyst for Collaborative HIV Prevention; Education and Expanded HIV Testing in Rural Uganda”.

Tulane University Doctoral Dissertation

May 2016

“Impacts of working in the New Orleans Tourism Industry on workers’ levels of security, opportunity, empowerment and quality of life”.

Barataria Communications “*A Bourbon Street Sojourn*”

April 2016

Award-winning poetical fiction piece first edition sold out within six months.

International Journal of Ethnic and Social Studies, Vol. 1, Issue 1

June 2010

“Addressing the past and considering the future: An interdisciplinary examination of Afghanistan’s development”.

Matt Shelton Theatre, San Francisco, CA - *Indigo Don’t Vote*

Feb. 2004

Co-playwright of well-received play with extended run and timely message

<https://www.sfweekly.com/calendar/disappear-here/>

PRESENTATIONS

Featured Speaker:

Sapienza University Rome, Italy, Jun. 2025

15th Annual International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society

Title: “Evangelical Christian Nationalism and Substance Use Disorders in the US: Impacts on Vulnerable Populations and Opportunities for Increased Resiliency.”

Plenary Speaker:

Columbia University, New York, Apr. 2025

Columbia Forum on Democracy & NYU Democracy Project

Title: “Shifting the Narrative: Changing Minds in a Time of Crisis”

Plenary Speaker:

São Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 2024

World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Semi-Annual Conference

Title: “Treacherous Waters: Dangers of State-Sponsored Religion in Substance Use Disorder Treatment, a TC Perspective, Case Study: Brazil”

Featured Speaker:

Gdańsk, Poland, Sept. 2024

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European Federation of Therapeutic Communities Semi-Annual Conference

Title: “Treacherous Waters: Dangers of State-Sponsored Religion in Substance Use Disorder Treatment, a TC Perspective.”

Featured Speaker:

New Delhi, India, December 2022

World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Semi-Annual Conference

Title: “A Fraught Embrace: the role of state-sponsored religion in substance abuse treatment”

Featured Speaker:

New Delhi, India, December 2022

World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Semi-Annual Conference

Title: “Using Music to Reach Stigmatized Populations in East Africa and the Southern USA”

Host and Presenter:

New Orleans, LA - November 2022

Tulane University – Altman Program Speaker Series

Title “Inside the Dangerous Rise of Christian Nationalism”

GRANTS & AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Charles E. Scheidt Faculty Fellow - Binghamton University–SUNY 2025-2026
Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention (I-GMAP), selected as a fully funded fellow.

Certified Human Rights Consultant – Washington, DC March 29, 2025
US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights. Training recognizes individuals ready to develop their knowledge and skills in promoting and protecting human rights. Equipped to deliver trainings provide advice to individuals, companies, agencies, and institutions.

Grant Recipient – Tulane University Innovation Institute (TUII), Summer 2024
Faculty Innovation Curriculum Grant integrating entrepreneurship into the curriculum, fostering a ground-breaking mindset among students while preparing them for future endeavors.

Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year – Newcomb Tulane College 2023
Honored as the faculty member who embodies the operating principles of NTC; particularly for acting as a catalyst for ideas and learning development.

Randolph C. Read Award for Excellence in Teaching - Tulane May 2023
Honored for encouraging students to find their place in the larger research community and challenging and empowering them to invest in their own futures.

Grant Recipient – Tulane University

Summer 2023

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Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT), Inclusive and Equitable Course (Re)Design Institute grant

Grant Recipient – Tulane University Summer 2020
Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT), Technology-assisted Classroom Enhancement grant

Fellow – Aspen Institute Spring 2020
Selected from highly competitive pool of candidates to attend the Aspen Ideas Festival (Health) as a funded fellow

Fellow – Institute of Politics (IOP) Class of 2017
Loyola University, New Orleans' premier leadership training seminar designed to groom the next generation of Louisiana political leaders

Fellow – New Leaders Council (NLC) Class of 2017
Institute, Louisiana Chapter – competitive leadership training program for progressive millennials working towards building a new governing coalition

Distinguished Master of Advocacy Award Nov. 10, 2016
National Association of Community Health Centers (NHCC) honoring my efforts to support and secure access to health centers across Louisiana

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award May 2014
Recognized by Mary Washington University for my efforts in community organizing and rebuilding the education sector in New Orleans post-Katrina

Gambit Weekly's 40 Under 40 Nov. 2011
Honored as one of New Orleans's most accomplished citizens under 40 for contributions in the field of education
https://www.nola.com/gambit/news/article_a03b477a-e49e-5c06-9579-9371dad42f6a.html

Critical Language Scholarship Recipient Summer 2010
US Department of State – Council on American Overseas Research Centers
Part of the 1% of applicants given an opportunity to partake in the intensive study of Urdu language, literature, and culture, Lucknow, India

Times Picayune's Young Urban Rebuilding Professionals Aug. 18, 2007
Featured as part of New Orleans' post-Katrina "Brain Gain"

MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member and Development Committee Chair

Sept. 2023 - Present

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Ecole Bilingue De La Nouvelle-Orléans (EB) - Developing and enacting policy contributing to the benefit and longevity of EB while fostering the school's mission.

Founder & Chairman

Jan. 2023 - Jun. 2024

Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend Foundation - Producing the monthly Freret Markets and annual Freret Street Festival featuring 3 stages, 21 bands and 25,000 attendees, then using the proceeds to provide grants for projects and students locally, nationally, and internationally

Executive Committee Member

Oct. 1, 2017 – Mar. 2020

New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council - Developing and maintaining a comprehensive system of care for People Living with HIV (PLWH) in the 8-parish area. NORAPC is the public planning body that plans for the distribution of federal Ryan White Part A funds.

Member – Louisiana Historical Society (LHS)

2008 - Present

Founded in 1835, the LHS is dedicated to accurate understanding and dissemination of information pertaining to the people, land, culture, and lore of Louisiana.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 1979 - Present

- Raised in Saudi Arabia (2 years), North Yemen (3 years), Egypt (5 years)
- Lived, worked, and studied in India (5 years) and Poland (3 years)
- Worked and/or conducted research in Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador, France, French Polynesia, Greece, Guatemala, Israel, Japan, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan
- Tourist travel in Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Vatican City

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MEDIA APPEARANCES & INTERVIEWS

Local Business and Politics

- *Out to Lunch* on WWNO – Guest Host June 10, 2025
<https://itsneworleans.com/2025/06/15/lucy-nocca/>
- *Out to Lunch* on WWNO – Guest Host March 24, 2025
<https://itsneworleans.com/2025/03/24/you-cant-have-one/>
- *Tulane Hullabaloo* February 26, 2025
<https://tulanehullabaloo.com/68752/news/christianity-and-climate-dueling-forces-in-louisiana/>
&
<https://tulanehullabaloo.com/68743/uncategorized/budget-slashing-executive-orders-wreak-havoc-student-internships-job-prospects/>
- *Out to Lunch* on WWNO – Guest Host February 3, 2025
<https://itsneworleans.com/2025/02/03/swinging-hammers/>
- *Tulane Hullabaloo* November 20, 2024
<https://tulanehullabaloo.com/67881/news/what-the-next-trump-presidency-means-for-louisiana/>
- *Tulane Hullabaloo* October 31, 2024
<https://tulanehullabaloo.com/67616/news/tulane-students-await-tuesday-galvanized-by-progressive-issues/>

Tourism Industry

- *Out to Lunch* on WWNO April 20, 2022
<https://itsneworleans.com/2022/04/20/pet-tourism/>
- *Tulane Hullabaloo* October 14, 2020
<https://tulanehullabaloo.com/54617/uncategorized/tulane-professor-andrew-ward-discusses-new-orleans-and-the-tourism-industry/>

HIV Awareness iKnow Concert Series

- Kabalega News – Hoima, Uganda December 7, 2019
<https://fb.watch/clkmYcMPtB/>
- Reach a Hand Uganda's Promotional Video December 1, 2019
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzUto_cWuzs
- Loyola University Podcasts September 9, 2019
<http://cmm.loyno.edu/podcasts/iknow-concert-series>
- *University of Mary Washington Magazine* Spring 2019

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<https://magazine.umw.edu/spring2019/departments/music-festival-helps-medical-care-go-down/>

- *The Buzz* TV – Kigali, Rwanda March 4, 2019
<https://youtu.be/3Mw3jAAArYk>

- Concert Series promo January 30, 2019
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2343475439232679>

- *It's New Orleans* "Happy Hour" October 17, 2017
<https://itsneworleans.com/2017/10/11/employees-must-wash-hands-after-exposing-themselves-happy-hour-its-new-orleans/>

- WWNO "All Things New Orleans" March 6, 2017
<https://www.bgr.org/peter-reichard-shares-the-bureau-of-governmental-researchs-new-study-calling-for-a-drainage-fee/>

- *Tulane News* September 14, 2016
<https://news.tulane.edu/news/music-fest-uganda-has-dual-mission>

- The Times Picayune June 17, 2014
https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/music/article_16431977-c39c-583d-9eb1-a91f6d5be3ad.html

The Sufi Second Line

- *Tulane News* November 5, 2013
<https://news.tulane.edu/news/sufi-second-line-perform-campus>

- *American Conservative* August 3, 2013
<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/louisiana-a-state-of-mind/>

- *Houston Chronicle* June 25, 2013
<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/life/article/Traditional-folk-songs-aren-t-lost-in-translation-4621702.php>

- B 102.7FM "Music Can Change the World" October 8, 2012
<https://b1027.com/can-music-change-the-world-audio-video/>

- Kickstarter for Wahida July 17, 2012
<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/wahida/wahida-the-sufi-second-line>

Other Entertainment

- *Metaphysical Mysteries* January 28, 2022

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<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/professor-andrew-ward-phd-on-the-ghosts-of-new-orleans/id1539290568?i=1000549234436>

- *The Big Shut In* February 15, 2021
<https://racecarradio.com/thebigshutin/day-337-thursday-february-15-andrew>
- *It's New Orleans* - Guest Host "Happy Hour" March 21, 2018
<https://itsneworleans.com/2018/03/21/turkey-legs-to-turkey-basters-happy-hour-its-new-orleans/>
- *America's Got Talent* June 11, 2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8w5eINam91k>
- *The Times Picayune* – "The Mascot" October 10, 2012
https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/music/article_e0cd1dac-9f36-55fa-9074-4f46ae591e06.html
- *Haunted New Orleans* - "The Goat Man of Grunch Road" December 10, 2010
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQnpjaa2BZo>
- *30 Days in the Bowl* - Trailer July 25, 2010
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03QcDuB3tiU>