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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Gender, health and human rights specialist with over twelve years experience as analyst, advocate, grant maker and program manager. Expertise includes ending gender-based violence, male-involvement, sexual and reproductive health, and the social implications of the HIV & AIDS pandemic. Relevant skills and experience:

- Articulating gender as a cross-cutting issue
- Leading a gender mainstreaming process
- Outstanding advocacy and communications abilities
- Gender training and international workshop management
- Strategic planning and implementation
- Synthesizing complex information in a clear, usable manner
- Managing multiple projects, across time zones in partnership with diverse stakeholders

Drezin Consulting, 2005-present

Owner and principle consultant providing research, advocacy, assessment, training and gender mainstreaming with focus on resource-challenged settings. Main clients include United Nations, International NGOs and research institutions. Select consultancies include:

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), 2009-present (three assignments)

- *Gender advisor* on a team of health specialists evaluating UNFPA's Framework for Action on adolescent and youth; drove the process of strengthening the gender focus in country level youth programming
- *Writer/Researcher* for UNFPA commissioned paper analyzing strategies, policies, and frameworks around sexual and reproductive health; report was used to create international legal precedent around the right to sexual and reproductive health
- *Writer/Researcher* composing UNFPA's corporate strategy on indigenous peoples' sexual and reproductive health and gender equality

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2006-present (five assignments)

- *Gender Specialist* posted in Mauritius Country office working with gender focal points in ministries to implement gender mainstreaming through-out Mauritian government; facilitated training and workshops and created tools for implementation and monitoring of the national gender action plan through formulation of gender sensitive indicators
- *Analyst* with Gender Unit of UNDP's HIV/AIDS practice unit, offering ongoing assistance with project development, evaluation and analysis, report writing and editing

ActionAid, 2007-2009 (three assignments)

- *Analyst* on a team conducting an evaluation of the degree to which gender-based violence is addressed within major HIV & AIDS funding mechanisms, including UNAIDS, World Bank, and PEPFAR
- *Editor* for ActionAid UK report highlighting women's and girls' rights in the HIV & AIDS response
- *Writer/Researcher* composing report for ActionAid USA examining promising practices to address the intersection of HIV & AIDS and violence against women

International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), 2005-2009 (three assignments)

- *Writer/Researcher* authoring publication on HIV prevention technologies, with emphasis on women centered technologies and community involvement in microbicide advocacy and research
- *Writer/Researcher* composing report outlining challenges to condom access and suggesting innovative ways of overcoming those barriers
- *Analyst* composing advocacy paper on scaling up HIV prevention in an era of expanded treatment

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), 2005

- *Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences* conducting interviews, secondary and original research analyzing intersection between gender-based violence and HIV risk and drafting report presented at the (former) Commission on Human Rights

Social Science Research Council, 2005

- *Gender Specialist* evaluating UNICEF's HIV & AIDS policy and programming from a gender perspective and proposing recommendations for integrating gender into UNICEF's child protection and promotion efforts

Center for Development Communications, Kingston, Jamaica, 2005

- *Gender specialist* conducting mission to Kingston, Jamaica as part of team leading training and strategic planning consultations to build the capacity of Jamaican civil society

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, 1999-2004

Program Manager, United Nations Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women

- Managed 1.2 million-dollar budget to build capacity and provide technical assistance to women's NGOs to end gender-based violence, including strategic planning and programmatic oversight
- Lead grant making cycle including writing grant guidelines, liaising with NGO applicants, reviewing proposals, convening advisory committee, and administering grants
- Managed program and curriculum of field based training workshops for UN Trust Fund grantees to use advocacy and communications to end violence against women
- Conducted training missions to Zimbabwe, Senegal, Nepal, and Slovakia
- Oversaw advocacy and outreach efforts, including using innovative multi-media tools to share best practices, document lessons learned and raise awareness about gender-based violence

EDUCATION

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs; New York, NY

- Master of International Affairs, 2000
- Focus on gender and human rights

Brown University; Providence, RI

- Bachelor of Arts in International Relations: Honors Degree, 1995
- Honors Thesis: Women and Islamic Revivalist Movements in Egypt: Strategies for Gaining Legitimacy and Rights
- International Bibliographic Scholarship: University grant to create annotated bibliography comparing Israeli and Palestinian women's social, political, and legal rights

AWARDS

Fulbright Fellow, Rabat, Morocco, 1995-1996

- Conducted original research on the role of Moroccan women's NGOs in promoting women's rights and development with focus on changing the Moudawana, Moroccan Family Law
- Interviewed leaders of women's organizations, academics and women's machinery
- Published research as part of collection of the Moroccan-American Commission on Educational and Cultural Exchange

Shatil-New Israel Fund, Jerusalem, 1998

- Received grant to examine Israeli-Arab socio-cultural situation and rights
- Conducted research in Nachef, an Arab Village in Israel's Galilee region

LANGUAGES

- English and French, fluent
- Spanish and Hebrew, basic level competency

PUBLICATIONS

- *A Community Led Advocacy Agenda for Microbicides*, contributor, Toronto: International Council of AIDS Service Organizations, 2010
- *Together We Must End Violence against Women and Girls and HIV & AIDS: A Review of Promising Practices Addressing the Intersection*, co-writer, Washington, DC: ActionAid and UNIFEM, 2009
- *Demanding Credibility and Sustaining Activism, A Guide to Sexuality-Based Advocacy*, co-editor, Washington, DC: Global Rights, 2008
- *Walking the Talk: Putting Women's Rights at the Heart of the HIV and AIDS Response*, co-editor, London: ActionAid UK, 2007
- *Barriers to Condom Access: Setting an Advocacy Agenda*, Toronto, International Council of AIDS Service Organizations, 2007
- *Breaking the Silence on Violence, Print Magazine*, January/February issue, 2003
- *Making a Difference: Strategic Communications to End Violence against Women*, New York, UNIFEM, 2003. Translated into Spanish and Russian
- *Picturing a Life Free of Violence: Media and Communications Strategies to End Violence against Women*, New York: UNIFEM, 2001. Translated into Spanish
- *Global Confidence-Building: New Tools for Troubled Regions, New York*: St. Martin's Press, 2000. Co-editor