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2008-Present *Independent Research and Writing*

Contract research and writing on infectious disease, biodiversity, agriculture, and intellectual property issues.

Clients have included the World Health Organization, Third World Network, African Centre for Biodiversity, Médecins Sans Frontières, Open Society Foundation, Greenpeace International, Asociación ANDES, and others.

Member of technical expert groups on synthetic biology (former) and digital sequence information (current) of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Member of the Working Group to Enhance the Multilateral System of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

1999-2008 *The Sunshine Project (Director)*

Co-founded the Sunshine Project, a small US-German NGO focused on biological weapons issues, and led its research efforts. Authored noted reports on biological weapons, biosafety, and health issues and identified significant violations of US law by biological research institutions. Testified before the US House of Representatives and gained extensive experience in the Freedom of Information Act and other open records laws.

1995-1999 *Rural Advancement Foundation International (Program Officer)*

Research, writing, and advocacy work on genetic resources and biopiracy issues for RAFI, now known as the ETC Group. Primary author of several influential editions of *RAFI Communique*.

1990-1991 *Survival International*

Moved from an internship to staff position at Washington, DC office. Learned non-profit basics and facilitated discussions between Amazonian indigenous people and US environmental organizations.

Education

1992 - 1995 *The University of Texas at Austin*

MA in Latin American Studies; MS in Community and Regional Planning, 1995.

Inter-American Foundation Masters' Fellow. MA/MS Thesis: *A Business of Development? Bioprospectors, Indigenous People, and the Pharmaceutical Industry in Northeastern Peru*

1986 - 1990 *The University of Richmond (Virginia, USA)*

BA in History and International Studies, 1990.

1988 - 1989 *Higher Education Consortium on Urban Affairs (Bogotá, Colombia)*

Publications

Authored articles include the *British Medical Journal* (2007 Apr 14;334(7597):774), *European Molecular Biology Organization Reports* (2003 Jun;4 Spec No:S57-60), *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism* (2008 Mar;6(1):19-35), and *New Scientist* (2007 Oct 7;196(2624):24).

Other

Profiled in *Science* (2004 Aug 6;305(5685):768-9). Fluent in Spanish. Yeoman tree farmer and bush hog operator. Dealer in rare US coins. Summers in Berlin, MD (~2.5 hours SE of Washington, DC).