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CORE SKILLS

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| Economic Policy and Analysis | Advocacy |
| Political Economy | Legal Analysis |
| Peace and Conflict Analysis | Mediation |
| Project Management | Analytical Writing / Editing |
| Research Skills | Teamwork and Communication |

COUNTRIES OF EXPERIENCE

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| Australia | France |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | Papua New Guinea |
| China | Philippines |
| Indonesia | Singapore |
| Italy | United States |

RECORD OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

2016: Graduate Diploma in Language (Indonesian), Flinders University (ongoing, deferred)
2014: **Master of Arts in International Relations (with Honours), Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies** [GPA: 3.91];
>> Majoring in **International Economics** and **Conflict Management**
2013: Bologna Conflict Symposium, International Peace and Security Institute
2012: **Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies (with Merit), University of Sydney**
2008: Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2008: Certificate IV in Government (Investigations), Australian Forensic Services
2008: Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law Society of South Australia
2007: **Bachelor Degree in Laws, University of Adelaide**
2004: **Bachelor Degree in Economics, University of Adelaide**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2011: Australian Institute of International Affairs
2008: Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2008: **Admitted to the Supreme Court of South Australia**
2007: Law Society of South Australia

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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| English (native) | Indonesian (intermediate low) |
| German (intermediate mid) | |

WORK HISTORY [BY CATEGORY]

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

- Organisation:** Independent Diplomat 2013
Position: Programme Assistant (Washington DC, United States)
- Liaised with policymakers, academics, and think-tank experts, conducted research, and provided strategic diplomatic advice for major international clients, including the National Syrian Coalition, the Polisario Front in Western Sahara, Somaliland, South Sudan, USTPAC, and the Marshall Islands
- Position:** Research Assistant to the Hon. Gareth Evans (Melbourne, Australia) 2010
- Internship with former Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group, Co-chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament
 - Undertook speechwriting, drafting of book chapters and articles on various international relations policy issues, website management and various administrative duties
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ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Organisation: Australian National University (ANU) / University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) 2015 – 2016
Position: Partnership Manager; Lecturer; Visiting Fellow (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

- As a subset element of the Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct funded by the Australian aid program, helped to develop the partnership between the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy and UPNG's School of Business Administration to expand capacity and improve quality in economics and public policy, particularly in economic research, teaching, and public outreach
- Undertook course restructure and curriculum review of the Economics Degree
- Jointly developed and helped negotiate the grant agreement for a broader program of ANU support for UPNG, including ANU faculty recruitment and placement at UPNG, staff and student exchanges, access to learning resources, scholarships, and other support
- On the organising committee for the PNG Update, the premier annual economics and public policy conference in PNG
- Co-authored '*PNG survey of recent [economic] developments 2014-15*'; presented as a keynote at the PNG Update
- Lectured in *International Economics*, *Development Economics*, and *Principles of Microeconomics*

Organisation: University of Adelaide 2010 – 2015
Position: Lecturer; Research Project Manager (Adelaide, Australia)

- Managed and undertook research for the following projects:
 - Economic Research Institute of ASEAN (ERIA)-funded project on '*Services liberalisation and Free Trade Agreements*'
 - AusAID-funded Public Sector Linkages Program on '*Structural reform, services and logistics – building policy making capacity in APEC*', culminating in a three-week workshop visit by academic and ministry officials from the Indonesian Ministry of Trade, the Beijing University of International Business and Economics, and the Chinese Ministry of Commerce
- Managed four international economics workshops (including the 2011 Econometric Society Australasian Meeting with over 200 attendees) and two annual academic recruitment rounds
- Lectured and/or coordinated the following subjects:
 - *Development Economics* (at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels)
 - *Managing Conflict in the Developing World*
 - *Economic Principles* (postgraduate)
 - *Business and Economic Statistics*
 - *Introduction to International Politics*
 - *State of the World: Poverty, Governance and Justice*
- Tutored *Introduction to Development Studies*, *International Trade*, *Human Rights & Postcolonial Issues*

Organisation: Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies 2012 – 2013
Position: Teaching Assistant (Bologna, Italy)

- Teaching assistant in the subject of *Microeconomics* (intermediate level)

Organisation: University of Adelaide; and Deakin University 2006 – 2008; 2010
Position: Part-Time Teaching Lecturer (Adelaide and Melbourne, Australia)

- Tutored classes in *Microeconomics I*, *Macroeconomics I*, *Business Data Analysis I*, *Business and Economic Statistics I* [Adelaide] and *The Global Economy* [Deakin]

Organisation: Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide 2006 – 2007
Position: Researcher (Adelaide, Australia)

- Undertook research and compiled presentations on many trade-related topics, including: e-commerce and its relation to Free Trade Agreements and the GATS (which were then used in preliminary negotiations with the Chinese for an Australia-China FTA); globalisation's effect upon world capital markets; and trade capacity-building in small Asian economies
 - Assisted preparation of the Chinese Mayoral Tour, a visit of 22 provincial mayors with a focus on local governance, urban design, and business
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Organisation: South Australian Parliament 2005
Position: Parliamentary Researcher (Adelaide, Australia)

- Undertook field-based research to compile a detailed report on the feasibility of a desalination plant on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia for The Hon. Terry Stephens and Liz Penfold MP

The final 9,000 word report now resides in the South Australian Parliamentary Library

CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

Organisation: CARANA Corporation (for CSIRO / Aust. Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade) 2014
Position: Consultant (Canberra / Sydney / Brisbane / Adelaide, Australia)

- Composed a situational assessment report for the Government of Australia on how aid-for-trade and donor-private partnerships ('PPPs') could be applied through the Australian aid program, especially within the issue areas of agriculture, rural development and food security
- Undertook a market assessment and entry strategy on the Australian aid sector for CARANA

Organisation: OECD 2012 – 2013
Position: Consultant (Paris, France / Bologna, Italy)

- Undertook research and writing for the OECD / WTO publication, *Aid for Trade at a Glance 2013*

PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Organisation: World Wide Project Management Services 2010
Position: Project Manager (Adelaide, Australia)

- Project and business development manager for UNIFEM and AusAID international aid projects

Organisation: Coffey International Development 2006 – 2010
Position: Knowledge Manager/Project Manager (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

- Project-managed key components within six large AusAID PNG programs
- Managed the company's knowledge management initiative across all programs
- The knowledge management initiative was to share information and knowledge between the programs on successes, challenges and lessons learnt. Required strong relationship-building and mediating; tools included targeted research and writing discussion papers, inductions, website management, and coordination meetings

Position: Impact Analyst (Nias, North Sumatra, Indonesia)

- Undertook an impact analysis as component of the monitoring and evaluation of the AusAID-funded post-disaster Nias Reconstruction Program. The program involved the construction of sub-district offices and village-level infrastructure across the South Nias district, an area badly hit by both the Boxing Day Tsunami and Nias Earthquake
- Presided over village meetings and interviews in dozens of geographically remote hamlets. Collected and analysed program data, compiled extensive case studies to provide support to analysis and drew final conclusions, all culminating in a written publication (see *Publications* below)

Position: Project Manager (Adelaide, Australia)

- Project manager of the Philippines-Australia Human Resource Development Facility (PAHRDF), a facility-model program that aimed to build capacity within key institutions in the Philippines through targeted human resource development [contract value AUD 25 million+]
- Provided legal support to the Operations division with a focus on contract, corporation and labour law, including regular legal research and leading large contract amendments and extensions
- Project manager for Australian Assistance to the Iraqi Justice System, which included mobilising a criminal investigator to Baghdad to train Iraqi counterparts [contract value AUD 200,000+]
- Seconded to an internal knowledge management project for the company-wide rollout of Microsoft SharePoint 2007
- Provided logistical support both corporately and for other AusAID Asia-Pacific projects

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organisation: Economics Students Society of Papua New Guinea 2016 (ONGOING)

Position: Patron

- Invited by the peak economics student association in Papua New Guinea to be their patron; I have made the role about seeking to support the students as much as possible in their studies, ambitions, and futures

Organisation: Port Moresby (National) Arts Theatre 2009, 2015 – 2016

Position: Director, Treasurer, and Committee Member (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

- Jointly with the rest of the committee, ran the Theatre and its events, legal and monetary affairs, maintenance & repairs
- Directed *An Evening with Andrew Lloyd-Webber*, with a cast and crew of 30+ Papua New Guineans / expats (2009)

Organisation: One Village 2010 – 2012

Position: Board Member (Australia)

- One Village is an Australian-based charity improving the lives of Ugandans within Namwendwa and Butaaya villages in Eastern Uganda, modelled on the UN Millennium Villages approach
- Acted as an activity manager for One Village's charitable operations and provided legal and operational advice

Organisation: South Australian Law Society Human Rights Committee 2010 – 2012

Position: Committee Member

- Made submissions to the to the Aust. Law Reform Commission on legislation affecting human rights, including (amongst others) refugee law, anti-discrimination law, people-trafficking, and human rights frameworks

Organisation: Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly 2010 – 2011

Position: National Coordinator (Australia)

- Head of campaign operations in Australia, advocating for a UN Parliamentary Assembly
- As Coordinator Emeritus, spoke at Australian Senator Bob Brown's last senatorial public engagement on the topic of "*Is global governance possible?*"

Organisation: Adelaide Legal Outreach Service [University of Adelaide / WestCare] 2006

Position: Legal Advisor (Adelaide, Australia)

- Provided pro bono legal advice to clients who were homeless or otherwise socially disadvantaged

REFEREES

Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC

Former Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs
Chancellor, Australian National University
President Emeritus, International Crisis Group
Email: ge@gevans.org

Professor Christopher Findlay

Exec. Dean of the Faculty of the Professions
The University of Adelaide
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Ambassador Professor Francesc Vendrell

Former UN Special Representative and Mediator,
Former UN Special Envoy to Afghanistan
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The Hon. Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Former Premier of South Australia
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PUBLICATIONS

PEACE AND CONFLICT

- Australia should not bomb Syria*, The Age (& Fairfax syndicates), 25 August 2015
- Moral dilemmas of war against Islamic State lack easy answers*, The Conversation, 1 Oct 2014
- The Lesson from Iraq: Never Again*, New Matilda, 4 July 2014
- Managing Conflict in the Developing World - Essays from Emerging Scholars* (ed.), Vol. II, Univ. of Adelaide, Dec 2014
- Contemporary Politics of Conflict in Aceh*, Peace and Conflict Monitor, United Nations University for Peace, Jan 2014
- Managing Conflict in the Developing World - Essays from Emerging Scholars* (ed.), University of Adelaide, Dec 2013
- Causes and Catalysts of the Civil War in Syria*, Peace and Conflict Monitor, United Nations University for Peace, Oct 2013
- The Role of Mediation in International and Intra-national Conflict*, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Journal, Nov 2011
- The Bougainville conflict: A classic outcome of the resource-curse effect?*, Peace and Conflict Monitor, United Nations University for Peace, Oct 2010
- Nuclear Horizons*, South Australian Law Bulletin, Aug 2010
- The Responsibility to Protect*, South Australian Law Bulletin, March 2008

ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- PNG survey of recent developments, 2014 - 15*, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, (with Rohan Fox, Stephen Howes, Win Nicholas, and Ani Rova), September 2015
- Economics at the University of Papua New Guinea, 2015*, Devpolicy Blog, The Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, 3 July 2015
- Situational Assessment on Aid for Trade, Public-Private Partnerships and Inclusive Business Opportunities in Australia* (with D. Jacobson and S. Sedaca), CARANA Corporation [for DFAT, CSIRO & ACIAR], Dec 2014
- Core team: *Regional Perspectives on Aid for Trade*, The Development Dimension, OECD, Nov 2014
- Market Assessment Report - The Australian Aid Market*, May 2014
- The Politics of Economic Reform in Contemporary Indonesia*, East Asia Forum, Australian National University, Nov 2013
- Core team: *Aid for Trade at a Glance 2013: Connecting to Value Chains*, WTO & OECD, July 2013
- Moving forward on regional integration in trade in services*, East Asia Forum, Australian National University, May 2012
- Services Liberalization in the 'ASEAN Plus' Free Trade Agreements* (with Prof. Christopher Findlay), ASEAN+1 FTAs and Global Value Chains in East Asia, ERIA Research Project 2010 No.29, Economic Research Institute of ASEAN, April 2012
- Aid money should be concentrated in the region we know*, The Weekend Australian, July 2011
- Cause and Effectiveness – assessing the report of the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness*, Inside Story, July 2011
- Why does AusAID rely on technical assistance so heavily?*, Interpreting the Aid Review, The Lowy Institute, Feb 2011
- Impact Analysis of the AusAID Nias Reconstruction Program*, Coffey International Development, Jan 2010

POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

- Essential Liberty*, Policy Forum, Australia and the Pacific Policy Society, Australian National University, 25 March 2015
- Real liberals search in vain for a political party to call their own*, The Age (& Fairfax syndicates), June 2014
- Debt crisis? The real crisis is in giving up on this country's future*, The Age (& Fairfax syndicates), May 2014
- When Exceptionalism meets Insularity*, The SAIS Observer, Nov 2013
- Quest è il mio giardino!*, The SAIS Observer, May 2013
- Global Governance - What would it look like, and do we want it*, The SAIS Observer, Nov 2012
- PROOF-READER: Claudia Kissling, *The Legal and Political Status of International Parliamentary Institutions*, Committee for a Democratic U.N., Jan 2011
- Parliament for Humanity* [GHOST-WRITER], The Canberra Times, 27 Sep 2010
- What's in the Pipeline? The Water Quandary Facing the Eyre Peninsula*, South Australian Parliamentary Library, Nov 2005
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