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Washington, DC

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**EDUCATION & HONORS**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication** - Visual Communications (graphic design) Dec, 2008  
**Minor:** Social Entrepreneurship  
**GPA:** 3.371 **Dean's list:** Eight semesters  
*Order of the Golden Fleece*, UNC Honor Society, 2007  
UNC Entrepreneurial Public Service Fellowship, 2006  
Undergraduate International Studies Fellowship, 2006

**COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE: ORAL, WRITTEN, & DESIGN**

**Field Trip Facilitator**, DC Egypt on the Potomac Field Trip April, 2008 - Present  
•Coordinate and conduct 3 hour tour/field trip about the Masonic influence on DC's design and architecture

**Contributing Writer**, TheRoot.com August, 2009 - Present  
•Write articles about African American culture, social issues, entertainment, etc.

**Publication Intern**, Renmenbi.com, *Beijing, China* June, 2007 – Aug, 2007  
•Created company publication template and designs; learned and implemented marketing principles  
•Interviewed foreign company officials to write and design the company's first 'Business in China' case study

**Designer/ Editor/Writer**, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Newsletter, UNC Sept, 2007 – May, 2008

**Features Writer**, Boiling Point Magazine, UNC-CH Sept, 2006 – Jan, 2008  
•Published articles about social issues: international development, media effects and campus labor conflicts

**Featured Writer**, Nubiano Exchange Online Sept, 2006 – Nov, 2007  
•Published articles about social and community issues; helped publicize

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Air Barrier Construction Foreman**, Maxi-Con 2 (maxi-con2.com) March, 2009 – Aug, 2009  
•Manage installation of various Air Barrier components such as insulation, Blue Skin, mastic applications, etc.

**Technical Assistant/Writer**, CETLA (Howard Univ.) Aug, 2008 – March, 2009  
•Faculty education technologies training; created graphic design materials; wrote/researched monthly features

**Research Assistant**, PARK (JOURNALISM) LIBRARY Aug, 2007 – May, 2008  
•Assisted journalism students in searching print archives and online research

**INNOVATION & INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Founder/Co-Director**, Advocates for Grassroots Development in Uganda (AGRADU) Aug, 2005 – Aug, 2008  
•With UNC funding, traveled across Uganda for five weeks in summer 2006 to research and network  
•Developed AGRADU's self-sustaining leadership model; raised money to invest in Ugandan partners

**Study Abroad Semester**, University of Havana, Cuba Jan, 2007 – May, 2007  
•Took four classes and attended seminars about Cuba – history, culture, international relations, language

**Intern**, Friends of Orphans (FRO), Jinja, Uganda June, 2005 – Aug, 2005  
•Collected data on communities and helped create assessment reports to be used to solicit community support

**RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

**Info-graphics, Graphic Design and Newspaper Design**  
•Learned how to analyze data/news and present it with charts, tables, maps, etc. and designed newspaper layouts

**Public Records Research and Investigative Journalism**  
•Became accustomed to the unwieldy art of public record research and how to use it to tell in-depth stories

**Social Entrepreneurship Workshop Class**  
•Implemented innovative business methodology to create NGO called AGRADU (see 'innovation' above)

**SKILLS**

•**Public Speaking:** Served on forum panels, featured speaking events at UNC and Howard University

•**Computer/technology proficient:** Adobe Design Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, educational programs

•**Cultural adaptability/language skills:** Some knowledge of Mandarin Chinese Language and business culture; semi-fluent in Spanish; can readily assimilate to new environments/cultures

