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## Education

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**The Graduate Center, City University of New York** • Environmental Psychology  
PhD in progress | 2013 - present

**London School of Economics** • Human Rights  
MSc | 2005 - 2006  
Dissertation: “The construction and function of memory in post-genocide Rwanda”  
(Distinction)

**University of King's College** • Double Honors in History and Contemporary Studies  
Bachelor of Arts | 1998 - 2003  
Dean's List: Fall 2001, Spring 2002

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## Work Experience

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**Graduate Coordinator** – Guttman Community College (*New York City*) • 2014 - present

- Teaching three Studio classes (90 students in total) in which my students are creating audio and radio projects that explore and express issues that are relevant and critical to their lives and address the Guttman Learning Objectives
- Studio is an experimental, safe space for 1<sup>st</sup>-year students to develop new ideas, skills and critical insights through experiential and project-based activities (both individual and collective); Studio is one of four courses in the City Seminar, which is also comprised of Critical Issues, Reading/Writing, Quantitative Reasoning

**Adjunct Instructor** – Guttman Community College (*New York City*) • 2015

- Taught Environmental Ethics, a 3-credit course for 2<sup>nd</sup>-year students majoring in Liberal Arts

**Research Associate** - Actknowledge (*New York City*) • 2013 - present

- Consulting on Actknowledge’s work to develop, apply and evaluate their ‘theory of change’ method with clients in the not-for-profit and public sector by supporting the establishment of ‘The Center for Theory of Change’, a new non-profit organization focused on promoting quality standards, best practices, education and research for the development and implementation of Theory of Change methodologies
- Created and managing the “Theory of Change” Wikipedia entry

**Co-founder/Community Organizer** - People’s Political Economy (*UK*) • 2012 - 2013

- Spearheaded an economic literacy initiative with participants from a variety of community groups who, in collaboration with graduate student facilitators, co-create a curriculum and course consisting of weekly workshops raising awareness of how the participants’ lives and daily struggles are situated within political and socio-

economic structures, why these structures and policies exist as they do, and what can be done to challenge and transform them

- Completed a pilot project in Oxford, UK from September 2012 – August 2013 in partnership with four ‘community learning groups’: a youth group, a high school class, a mental health charity, and a homelessness charity

**Producer/Director** - *Awakening Israel? (Israel/UK)* • 2011 - 2012

- Produced a multi-media educational resource – comprised of video clips, facilitation guides and recommended reading – about the Israeli social protest movement that emerged in 2011 and continues at present – [www.awakeningisrael.org](http://www.awakeningisrael.org) -- based on video footage shot with an Israeli filmmaker over 2 months in the summer of 2011

**Co-founder and Director** - *New Routes Trust (London, UK)* • 2008 – 2011

- Co-created and wrote the founding vision document, recruited and managed a staff and core team of volunteers, built up and worked with the Board of Trustees, secured fundraising, outreach to a broad spectrum of partner organisations, organised and managed public events, and coordinated publicity and media coverage
- Directed and produced ‘Solidarity Complex’, a short documentary and community workshop examining the forms of public protest that emerged in Britain in response to the Gaza crisis, and challenges the audience to think anew about how to create more effective and focused public action (the video can viewed at: <http://vimeo.com/7542969>)

**Program Manager** - *Citizenship Foundation (London, UK)* • 2006 - 2008

- Managed an interfaith and education programme created and advised by a coalition of faith-based international development NGOs and secular NGOs: Citizenship Foundation, Christian Aid, Citizenship Foundation, Islamic Relief, Jewish Council for Racial Equality, Muslim Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children and World Jewish Relief
- Facilitated a youth committee that planned and delivered a day-long educational and campaigning conference for 125 youth aged 16-19 from throughout the UK, comprised of facilitated workshops addressing: Gun and knife crime, Sexual conduct, Climate change, Transitions in Life/Leaving school, and Islamophobia/Anti-terror laws.

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**Awards and Fellowships (Selected)**

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**Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York | 2015

**Gittell Graduate Research Assistantship Award**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York | 2015

**Graduate Assistant B**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York | 2013-14

**Tuition Fellowship**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York | 2013-18

**Ariane de Rothschild Social Enterprise Fellowship** | 2010

- Awarded one of 20 Fellowships, a unique 2-week executive education program at Columbia University's School of Business focused on creating sustainable business models for not-for profits and charities committed to social change so as to have far reaching impact.

**Dorot Israel Fellowship** | 2004-05

- Awarded one of fifteen prestigious one-year fellowships in Jerusalem from the Dorot Foundation to engage in social activism and cultural studies.

**Margaret Malone Memorial Scholarship**, University of King's College | 1999