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EXPERIENCE:

OHIO REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION Columbus, OH
Legislative Liaison 2005 - present

- * Research state and national legislation and policy affecting this agency and its consumers.
- * Meet with legislators to discuss budgetary and legal issues.
- * Write articles on bills, laws and policy for a bimonthly in-house publication.
- * Respond verbally and in writing to numerous legislative inquiries.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION Columbus, OH
Public Affairs Specialist 2004 – 2005

- * Generated speaking opportunities regarding Social Security with professional and lay audiences.
- * Contacted organizations dealing with mutual claimants to discuss improving client satisfaction.
- * Sought media mention of Social Security and opportunities to contribute news items or feature stories.
- * Organized public exhibits and seminars.

Claims Representative 2000-2004

- * Interviewed people for retirement and disability claims in a busy downtown office.
- * Initiated all follow-up actions needed for case processing with claimants, family members, other organizations, and payment centers using detailed agency guidelines.
- * Interpreted live disability appeals from Russian-language claimants before administrative law judges.

COUNTERPART CONSORTIUM Almaty, Kazakhstan
Corporate Research Specialist 1998

- * Pursued non-governmental and business groups interested in charitable activities.
- * Wrote appropriate brochures and follow-up correspondence.
- * Set up symposia, press conferences and other media events.
- * Trained local staff in Western-style presentations and business etiquette.
- * Represented Counterpart in both large-business and governmental settings.

INTERNEWS Almaty, Kazakhstan
Acting Director 1997-98

- * Supervised an office of ten professionals.
- * Administered multiple projects and budgeted for more than \$1 million in grants.
- * Wrote regular reports and frequent articles, keeping in daily contact with home office and funders.
- * Researched media activities through travels around Kazakhstan.
- * Presented information to current and potential partners from government, business, and nonprofit sectors.

WHEELED MOBILITY CENTER Novosibirsk, Russia
Regional Project Coordinator 1994-96

- * Oversaw wheelchair manufacturing and joint projects with a sports club for multi-disabled individuals.
- * Organized international seminars and news events.
- * Resolved conflicts between Western and Russian professionals, making delicate cultural judgment calls.
- * Designed contracts and leases as needed.

VARIOUS NOVOSIBIRSK INSTITUTIONS Novosibirsk, Russia
Teacher 1995-2000

- * Designed and taught high-level courses in English pronunciation, grammar, usage and simultaneous interpreting with emphasis on cultural nuances.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS Sarvar, Hungary

Peace Corps Volunteer 1991-92
* Taught English at an academic high school.
* Organized two English clubs, one for local English teachers, another for community members.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY USSR (Moldova, Kazakhstan, Siberia)
Exhibit Guide 1990
* Traveled with "Design USA", a federal citizens exchange exhibit on American life.
* Duties included simultaneous interpreting, answering questions from thousands of visitors each day, setting up and curating exhibits and participating in numerous promotional receptions.

SAINT JOHN'S VILLA Carrolton, OH
Volunteer Instructor summer, 1988
* Taught independent living skills to mentally challenged young people. This involved designing an individual course for each student and making judgment calls about progress and safety.

EDUCATION:

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Columbus, OH
M. A., Journalism 1988
* Focus on writing/editing.

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE Quincy, MA
B. A., French and Communication Arts 1986
* Double major in three years, summa cum laude.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

* appointee, Ohio Speaker of the House, Commissioner, Ohio Legal Rights Services, 2004.
* Gubernatorial appointee, Council member, Ohio Council on People with Disabilities, 2003.
* Alumnus of the Year 1993, Eastern Nazarene College for outstanding professional and service leadership.

LANGUAGES AND SPECIAL SKILLS:

* Professional fluency in English, French, and Russian.
* Conversational fluency in Hungarian and German.
* Fluent in English Braille (grades 1 and 2.)

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References:

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Marc Krizack, my boss 1994-1996 during some of my work in Siberia.)
Please note: Marc is still a world traveler and thus requests email communications.

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