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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expertise in foreign affairs, national security, Near East and South Asia• Proficiently in Farsi/Persian | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent research and communication skills• Ability to adapt and excel in rapidly changing environment and high stress situations |
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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Saint Andrews** *Scotland, UK* (Present)
- Currently residing in D.C. while completing dissertation on strategic communication in the Persian Gulf
- Master of Arts, National Defense University** *Washington, DC* (2012)
- Concentration in International Security Studies at College of International Security Affairs; GPA 3.7/4.0
- Bachelor of Arts, Union College** *Schenectady, NY* (2006)
- Double major with honors in English and Political Science; GPA 3.5/4.0

EXPERIENCE

- Research Analyst, National Defense University** *Washington, DC* (2011-2012)
- Conducted approximately 100 hours of interviews with senior executive branch officials as primary author of case study on WMD policy and cross-functional teams at the National Security Council
 - Analyzed several hundred pages of captured Iraqi documents for the Conflict Records Research Center
- Press Secretary, U.S. Congressman James P. Moran (D-VA-08)** *Washington, DC* (2009-2011)
- Served as primary spokesperson for senior House appropriator when he served as Chair of the Interior and Environment and Vice-Chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittees
 - Extensive on-the-record experience with major outlets, such as *New York Times* and *Washington Post*
 - Held primary responsibility for all press releases, public remarks, print, website and new media content
- Legislative Director, National Iranian American Council** *Washington, DC* (2007-2009)
- Directed legislative and policy agenda for nonpartisan organization; hired and managed four full time staff
 - Portfolio included Middle East policy, diplomatic affairs, defense policy, trade, and human rights
 - Drafted and analyzed bills, briefed members of Congress and staff; authored investigative articles, commentary, and white papers; went on-the-record with major outlets

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Fellow, Truman National Security Project** *Istanbul, Ankara and Gaziantep, Turkey* (Sept 2011)
- Selected to serve on civilian diplomatic mission organized by Rumi Foundation that included over 20 meetings with government officials, business leaders, journalists, students and scholars
- Election Observer, Democracy International/ USAID** *Kabul and Herat, Afghanistan* (Sept 2010)
- Served on two person civilian team deployed to Herat to observe 2010 Wolesi Jirga election
 - Collected data for USAID, prepared report for Congressman, presented findings before academic audience

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

“Task Force One: National Security Council as America’s Top Interagency Team,” *PRISM/Strategic Insight*, National Defense University Press (awaiting publication) · “Managing Expectations in Afghanistan,” *Union College Magazine* (Spring 2011) · “Major Sanctions Legislation: An Analysis,” *Legal Review*, Iranian American Bar Association (2008) · “Fund Bridges, Not Failed Policy,” *The Hill* (Fall 2007)

AFFILIATIONS & HONORS

President, Union Business Network of DC · *Vice President*, Union College Alumni Club of DC · *Partner*, Truman National Security Project · *Farsi language scholarship*, US Dept. of Education/San Francisco State University (2012)