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Writer, Speaker, Journalist, Regional Coordinat...

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## ← Experience



### Regional Coordinator for Central Canada and United States at Against Violent Extremism (AVE) Network

ISD (Institute for Strategic Dialogue)

Feb 2018 - Present · 7 yrs 11 mos

- Develop and implement materials for workshops involving former extremists
- Assist in selecting and training moderators, formers and other key personnel for events; submit a weekly growth report and attend workshops, public events, and any relevant functions
- Liaise with other former extremists and survivors of extremist violence within my given geographical locations in order to conduct qualitative research/interviews
- Facilitate meetings with relevant community groups, law enforcement, academic institutions and former violent extremists in my assigned geographical locations; liaise with municipal stakeholders
- Assist with project-related activities, such as coordination, transport, logistics, security and localization
- Assist in the delivery of prison outreach programming across the United States; assist with drafting a recommendations report in regards to prison outreach and engagement
- Developed a comprehensive social media strategy and proposed campaign for the revival of the AVE Network



### Writer, Speaker, Journalist, Executive Director

Changemaker Project

Jul 2017 - Present · 8 yrs 6 mos  
Toronto, Canada Area  
Changemaker Arts Project is a Canadian non-profit charitable organization dedicated to making, teaching, producing and showcasing art that makes a difference. We believe in harnessing the power of inspiration and creativity to raise awareness to social justice issues, bring arts to the disadvantaged and make a positive impact in the world.

Our aim is to educate, inspire and empower others to become catalysts for change. One of our key goals is to deliver arts programs, poetry, dance and creativity workshops to vulnerable, at-risk young people who might be drawn to radical extremist groups or inner-city gangs, as a preventative initiative meant to harness their energy in positive, meaningful ways. We believe that art changes people, and people change the world.

### Advisory Board Member, Social Media Manager

OVED for Human Rights - Holocaust Survivors Non-Profit · Freelance

Feb 2022 - Present · 3 yrs 11 mos

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Rights, a global Jewish organization created by Holocaust survivors and their families.

Created, set up and managed social media profiles for the organization and individual members

Responsible for ongoing maintenance of website updates and communication systems, brochure and communicate development, strategic development and general administrative support



### Incognito Press

20 yrs 1 mo

#### Freelance Journalist

Dec 2012 - Jul 2022 · 9 yrs 8 mos

Incognito Press is a small literary press whose goal is to promote and publish, both in print and on-line, new and innovative writing - poetry, fiction and mixed-form work by emerging writers.

As lead writer of Incognito Press, a Wordpress-powered blog with thousands of followers and an accumulated 100,000+ views, I have published several books, chapbooks, articles, pamphlets and attend annual writing and publishing conferences. I also offer editorial, freelance and ghost-writing services that will fit most budgets.

#### Writer / Editor, Blogger, Public Speaker

Jul 2007 - Jul 2022 · 20 yrs 1 mo

Involved in creation and implementation of marketing and copy-writing plans for business clients

- Carried out market research and competitive intelligence
- Wrote internal communications as well as copy for flyers, brochures, press releases, advertorials and various other promotional materials
- Established and implemented strategies that promoted continuous improvement and relevance of client content and communications, through optimization initiatives
- Travelled extensively throughout Ontario to meet clients and provide consultation & support
- Responded to media requests and conducted follow-up media relations, produced media coverage reports
- Facilitated several intensive Writing Workshops



#### Consultant, Researcher, "206 Carlton" Documentary

Ryerson University

Responsibilities included providing expert advice, information, archival footage and photography about racist extremism to help assist the direction and educational message of the film.

Participated in the project through an off-camera interview.

#### Writer, Blogger

Anti-Racist Canada

Writer, blogger and contributing member of the ARC Collective. Contributed articles, photographs, support and information to the Anti-Racist Canada collective, composed of me and 2 other persons. "You, more than anyone else, took down one of the nastiest hate groups that had existed in Canada in years." - Anti-Racist Canada founder.

#### Feature Writer, Content Creator, Social Media Consultant

Hategan Consulting

Specialties: social media, blogging, content strategy, business development, marketing, personal branding

- Wrote documents, articles, brochures, pamphlets, created websites for business clients
- Assisted in researching and writing business proposals and company materials
- Composed emails for client distribution, surveys through SurveyMonkey
- Responsible for project involving ghostwriting booklets
- Planned, developed and executed marketing campaigns targeted towards external media, members and advertising communities



#### Juror

Ontario Arts Council

Served as judge on Ontario Arts Council Committee Jury panel. Evaluated close to 200 applications of writers' Work-In-Progress applications and made recommendations for funding

#### Researcher

Translator, Legal Aid Ontario

Conducted background research, compiled archival documents and provided support and assistance to the legal firm handling the refugee case of the former President of the International Romani Union of Romania and Romani CRISS.

- Promoted the Telefilm Canada documentary SUSPINO: A CRY FOR THE ROMA as part of successful community lobbying for client's refugee case
- Analyzed data from Romanian police reports and advocacy groups detailing allegations of Roma community abuse.
- Translated police reports, legal and death certificates from Romanian
- Worked on translation of client's autobiography

#### Speaker / Educator

**Anti-Racist Alliance**

1993 - Jan 2005 - 12 yrs 1 mo  
 Speaker, both keynote and panelist at a variety of educational and cultural events to discuss my experiences in the Heritage Front, as well as provide insight into extremist recruiting techniques.

- Conducted media interviews with high-profile news organizations including the CBC, CTV, Global TV, Macleans Magazine, Globe & Mail, The National Post, Toronto Star, Toronto Sun and Canadian Jewish News, among other national and international press.
- Role was not full-time work but on an as-needed, ad hoc basis. Bulk of my educator work and anti-racism activism was between 1993-1999, and 2011-2018.

**Medical Secretary, Admin Assistant****Sports Medicine Rehab Clinic**

Jan 2004 - May 2004 - 5 mos  
 Responsible for note-taking and transmission of hand-written notes and voice files into digital record-keeping; took over medical assistant duties for a full-time employee on maternity leave

- Aided doctor in implementing and transcribing voice-dictation software such as Dragon NaturallySpeaking

**ESL Teacher, Presenter, Curriculum writer****English 2020 Academy, Seoul, South Korea**

Mar 2001 - Apr 2001 - 1 yr 2 mos  
 ESL teacher and workshop presenter in several 2020 chain schools across metropolitan Seoul, South Korea.

- Instructed Korean students in classroom and auditorium settings, teaching classes ranging in size from 8 to 200+, as well as on an individual basis in private residence settings. Students ranged in levels of comprehension from beginner to advanced and fluent.
- Wrote, designed and implemented curriculum in 3 different schools across a broad range of levels and age groups, ranging from kindergarten to business company employees. Responsible for testing, placing students, creating a library, and adjusting material to reflect individual abilities.
- Organized, wrote the scripts, and directed the annual plays for 2 different private schools.
- Served on judges' panels in judging English speaking contests and drama festivals across Seoul.

**Arts Workshops Facilitator, Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre****Elizabeth Fry Society**

Jun 1998 - Dec 1998 - 1 yr 7 mos  
 Counseled and provided emotional support to adult and teenage female offenders jailed within the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre.

- Provided art workshops, crafts and group activities to inmates within the prison, focusing on development of creative ability and emotional expression.
- Provided support services within the Ottawa Courthouse to prisoners in need (who felt nervous or needed someone to be present in the courtroom for moral support)

**Store Sales Manager****Mags & Fags**

Apr 1998 - Oct 1999 - 1 yr 7 mos  
 Worked part-time (while a student at the University of Ottawa) in Ottawa's oldest and most popular newspaper and magazine shop. Responsible for stocking daily newspapers and magazines, organizing product on shelves and remaindering store stock, intake and inventory.

**Story Contributor, White Lies (1998)****CBC**

Jan 1998 - Dec 1998 - 1 yr  
 Contributed personal experiences and story plot to CBC's production of **White Lies**, starring Sarah Polley, whose Catherine Chapman character was based on my life experiences in the Heritage Front. Provided composite sketch of main character via newspaper research, court records, interviews

and documentation by film producers.

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Research Analyst at ISD (Institute for Strategic Dialogue)

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Ex-Tesla. Team player. Peer leader. Problem solver.

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Étudiante au HEC - Administration des Affaires

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