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EDUCATION:

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Master of Science, May 2000

- Selected to produce one of five video documentary master's projects on homeless schizophrenics in New York City: "*Beyond the Yellow Line: The Ronald Christopher Story*"
- Feature article on breast cancer selected for publication in the New York Times News Wire

Pace University, Bachelor of Arts, Graduated **Cum Laude**, May 1999
Major: Speech Communications

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Journalism Department, Amherst, MA
Senior Lecturer, January 2013-Present

American University in Cairo, Journalism Department, Cairo, Egypt
Lecturer, August 2007-Jan. 2010

Pace University, Communications Department, New York, New York
Adjunct Lecturer, January 2005- May 2007

ACADEMIC PUBLISHED WORK:

Mirror on the Veil: A Collection of Personal Essays on Hijab and Veiling (Co-edited with Nausheen Pasha-Zaidi), London: Critical, Cultural and Communications Press (April 2017)

"American Apocalypse: Portrayals of Islam and Judaism in the Post-9/11 Electronic Church," *The Electronic Church in the Digital Age: Cultural Impacts of Evangelical Mass Media*, Edited by Mark Ward Sr., Chapter 10, Praeger (November 2015)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS:

Recipient of 2018 *Fulbright Specialist* designation (Assigned to Pakistan)
Named 2018 Harvard University *Knights Visiting Neiman Fellow*
Named 2017 UMass Amherst *Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Faculty Fellow*
Named 2017 Society of Professional Journalists *Dori Maynard Diversity Leadership Fellow*

Recipient of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism's *Business Journalism Professor's Fellowship* award

Recipient of *Donald T. Sheehan International Scholarship Award* to Wharton Seminars for Business Journalists.

Recipient of University of Massachusetts-Amherst *College Online Fellowship*

JOURNALISTIC PUBLISHED/AIRED WORK:

Alert Investor, Contributing Writer

ARTICLE: *5 Things You Need To Know About Social Security in 2017*

URL: <https://www.thealertinvestor.com/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-social-security-in-2017/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 4/12/17

ARTICLE: *It's Your Stock, Just Not in Your Name: Explaining 'Street Names'*

URL: <https://www.thealertinvestor.com/its-your-stock-just-not-in-your-name-explaining-street-names/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/21/15

ARTICLE: *The Birth of a Hedge Fund*

URL: <https://www.thealertinvestor.com/the-birth-of-a-hedge-fund/#.Vnl-atxMco.twitter>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/22/15

AltMuslimah/Jewschool, Contributor

ARTICLE: *Interfaith Solidarity: Triumphs and Backlash*

URL: <https://jewschool.com/2017/10/80435/interfaith-solidarity-triumphs-backlash/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 10/16/17

American Fault/lines with Lawrence Pintak, Contributing Reporter

Report, write and narrate segments for 10-episode post-inauguration radio show airing on top-rated news/talk station WKXL in Portland, Oregon. Topics worked on include the crisis in trust of news media, Muslims in Trump's America and the debate over sanctuary cities.

LINK TO AUDIO: <https://soundcloud.com/user-651056102-77367213>

Daily Beast Contributing Writer

ARTICLE: *Swipe Right for Islamic Love*

URL: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/02/23/western-muslims-swipe-right-to-find-their-match-on-minder.html>

DATE PUBLISHED: 2/23/15

ARTICLE: *Disco Mullah Blasphemy Row Highlights Pakistan's Hypocrisy*

URL: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/12/21/disco-mullah-blasphemy-row-highlights-pakistan-s-hypocrisy.html>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/21/14

ARTICLE: *Islamic Feminism Splits Muslim Community*

URL: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/09/21/twin-visions-of-islamic-feminism-split-muslim-community.html>

DATE PUBLISHED: 9/21/14

The Daily Hampshire Gazette, Columnist

ARTICLE: *Finally Being Seen as a Muslim-American Woman*

URL: <https://www.gazettenet.com/Pasha-column-22645926>

DATE PUBLISHED: 1/9/19

ARTICLE: *The Public, the Press, and the Power of the Printed Word*

URL: <https://www.gazettenet.com/Pasha-column-22127425>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/13/18

ARTICLE: *My pain is not your distraction*

URL: <https://www.gazettenet.com/Pasha-column-21361016>

DATE PUBLISHED: 11/6/18

ARTICLE: *We need to talk about sexual assault in the classroom*

URL: <https://www.gazettenet.com/Pasha-column-20763012>

DATE PUBLISHED: 10/11/18

The Dallas Morning News, Contributing Commentator

ARTICLE: *Is it legal for a politician to block a constituent on social media?*

URL: <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2018/11/04/politicians-not-silence-dissent-social-media>

DATE PUBLISHED: 11/5/18

ARTICLE: *Let's recapture the spirit of kindness Americans expressed after 9/11*

URL: <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2018/09/09/lets-recapture-the-spirit-of-kindness-that-americans-expressed-after-911>

DATE PUBLISHED: 9/9/18

ARTICLE: *It's time for Muslims to talk about sexual misconduct among our Islamic preachers*

URL: <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/12/07/time-muslims-talk-sexual-misconduct-among-islamic-preachers>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/7/17

ARTICLE: *The U.S. justice system has an autism problem*

URL: <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/08/15/us-justice-system-autism-problem>

DATE PUBLISHED: 8/15/17

ARTICLE: *Jihad is personal for me and no, it's not terrorism*

URL: <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/07/10/jihad-personal-terrorism>

DATE PUBLISHED: 7/10/17

ARTICLE: *School choice raises fears for our children with special needs*

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/02/28/school-choice-raises-fear-vulnerable-students>

DATE PUBLISHED: 2/28/17

ARTICLE: *Trump won, and now my teen daughter wishes she were white*

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2016/11/15/trump-won-now-teenage-daughter-wishes-white>

DATE PUBLISHED: 11/15/16

ARTICLE: *By boycotting Iran over hijab, the U.S. chess player wastes a valuable opportunity*

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2016/10/19/boycotting-iran-hijab-us-chess-player-wastes-valuable-opportunity>

DATE PUBLISHED: 10/19/16

ARTICLE: *How defending gay marriage helped me stand up for Islam*

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20160616-shaheen-pasha-how-defending-gay-marriage-helped-me-stand-up-for-islam.ece>

DATE PUBLISHED: 6/16/16

ARTICLE: *How my NICU baby taught me to let go of control*

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20160523-shaheen-pasha-how-my-nicu-baby-taught-me-to-let-go-of-control.ece>

DATE PUBLISHED: 5/23/16

ARTICLE: *How Western Muslim women bear a double burden*

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20160411-shaheen-pasha-how-western-muslim-women-bear-a-double-burden.ece>

DATE PUBLISHED: 4/11/16

MediaShift, Contributor

ARTICLE: *The Fallacy of 'Safe Space' on College Campuses*

URL: <http://mediashift.org/2015/12/the-fallacy-of-safe-space-on-college-campuses/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/2/15

Medium, Guest Editor

Commissioned to guest edit special collection of personal essays from incarcerated men and women in the United States. Charged with creation of topics, procuring essays, selection of contributions for project and working with incarcerated writers to edit and publish their pieces for special collection, October 2018 – Present

Narratively, Contributor

ARTICLE: *Searching for the Woman Who Saved My Immigrant Family From Homelessness*

URL: <http://narrative.ly/for-decades-shame-kept-my-dads-schizophrenia-secret-from-our-pakistani-immigrant-community/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 2/26/18

ARTICLE: *For Decades, Shame Kept My Dad's Schizophrenia Secret From Our Pakistani Immigrant Community*

URL: <http://narrative.ly/searching-woman-saved-immigrant-family-homelessness/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 8/10/17

Nieman Reports, Contributing Writer

ARTICLE: *Why We Need More Journalism Courses Taught in Prison*

URL: <http://niemanreports.org/articles/why-we-need-more-journalism-courses-taught-in-prison/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 8/9/18

New England Public Radio, Contributing Commentator

RADIO COMMENTARY: *A Journalist's Challenge To Her Colleagues*

URL: <http://nepr.net/post/journalists-challenge-her-colleagues#stream/0>

DATE AIRED: 5/10/17

RADIO COMMENTARY: *Journalists: Members of the Opposition Party?*

URL (Transcript and audio file): <http://nepr.net/news/2017/02/27/journalists-members-opposition-party/>

DATE AIRED: 2/27/17

RADIO COMMENTARY: *When Not-Bad People Obey Not-Good Orders*

URL (Transcript and audio file): <http://nepr.net/news/2017/02/17/not-bad-people-obey-not-good-orders/>

DATE AIRED: 2/17/17

RADIO COMMENTARY: *A Muslim Mother Tries to Reassure Her Kids They Do Belong Here*

URL (Transcript and audio file): <http://nepr.net/news/2016/11/04/115253/>

DATE AIRED: 11/4/16

Public Radio International (PRI) Across Women's Lives, Contributing Commentator

ARTICLE: *As a woman in media, sexual harassment was the norm. I was told to keep it to myself.*

URL: <https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-10-20/female-journalist-sexual-harassment-was-norm-i-was-told-keep-it-myself>

DATE PUBLISHED: 10/20/17

Quartz, Contributor:

ARTICLE: *Getting elected Egypt's president is nothing compared to fixing its economy*

URL: <http://qz.com/215320/getting-elected-egypts-president-is-nothing-compared-to-fixing-its-economy/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 5/31/14

ARTICLE: *Jailhouse Journalism – The Egyptian revolution has failed*

URL: <http://qz.com/164500/the-egyptian-revolution-has-failed/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 1/8/14

ARTICLE: *23andMe revealed a condition it took my doctors 6 years to diagnose*

URL: <http://qz.com/151817/23andme-revealed-a-condition-it-took-my-doctors-six-years-to-diagnose/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 11/27/13

ARTICLE: *A 26-year-old Harry Potter fan is trying to beat Amazon in the Arab world*

URL: <http://qz.com/137379/a-26-year-old-harry-potter-fan-is-trying-to-beat-amazon-in-the-arab-world/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 10/28/13

ARTICLE: *Some unlikely players are getting into Islamic finance*

URL: <http://qz.com/130391/some-unlikely-players-are-getting-into-islamic-finance/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 10/2/13

ARTICLE: *The burqa is coming to the rescue of Pakistani women*

URL: <http://qz.com/111755/the-burqa-is-coming-to-the-rescue-of-pakistani-women/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 8/05/13

ARTICLE: *Al Jazeera runs up against Egypt's mistrust of Qatar*

URL: <http://qz.com/105870/al-jazeera-runs-up-against-egypts-mistrust-of-qatar/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 7/23/13

ARTICLE: *Dubai's towering skyscrapers are built by a "horribly exploitative labor system"*

URL: <http://qz.com/88278/dubais-towering-skyscrapers-are-built-by-a-horribly-exploitative-labor-system/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 5/27/13

ARTICLE: *The Grad Student Who Exposed Reinhart and Rogoff: They still can't get their facts straight*

URL: <http://qz.com/79051/thomas-herndon-the-grad-student-who-exposed-reinhart-and-rogoff-they-still-cant-get-their-facts-straight/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 4/29/13

ARTICLE: *Egyptians, read these three charts before you shun Qatar's aid and burn its flags*

URL: <http://qz.com/74728/cairos-qatarization-may-be-a-necessary-evil/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 4/16/13

ARTICLE: *How Qatar University's language policy is holding back students*

URL: <http://qz.com/69698/how-qatar-universitys-language-policy-is-holding-back-students/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 4/2/13

ARTICLE: *HSBC shuts out Iranian, Libyan, and Syrian clients – unless they're seriously rich*

URL: <http://qz.com/62010/hsbc-shuts-out-iranian-libyan-and-syrian-clients-unless-theyre-seriously-rich/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 3/12/13

Raconteur, Guest Editor

Commissioned to guest edit 16-page special supplement on Islamic finance in the UK for distribution in The Times (London). Managed a staff of six freelance journalists; commissioned and edited articles, aided in graphics. Wrote case studies for Islamic finance growth in Malaysia, UK, Turkey, and Oman, April 2013:

<http://np.netpublicator.com/netpublication/n28118167>

USA Today, Contributor

ARTICLE: *Voices: Donald Trump Is My Son's Bogeyman*

URL: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2015/12/10/voices-donald-trump-my-sons-bogeyman/77088272/>

DATE PUBLISHED: 12/10/15

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Canada AM (May 2006): Interviewed on CTV morning show, discussing the verdict in the Enron trial

South Asian Journalists Association Convention (June, 2006): Invited to speak on business journalism panel alongside Dow Jones Assistant Managing Editor Michael Reid and Washington Post National Editor Rajiv Chandrasekaran

Nancy Grace (July 2006): Interviewed by CNN Headline News after breaking the story of Enron founder Ken Lay's death

Wharton Finance and the Middle East (January 2012): Invited to guest lecture

Wharton MBA students on Islamic finance on a travel finance course to Abu Dhabi

GCC Private Banking Conference (March 2012): Invited to moderate panel in Bahrain entitled "Fear Not My Government," discussing global regulatory security and wealth management in the Middle East

Dubai Eye (March 2012): Interviewed by Dubai radio show to discuss the relaunch of legal and business magazine The Brief

University of Connecticut (September 2013): Guest speaker for Professor Alexandra Mercerón's Introduction to Public Relations course on journalist/PR relations

TEDxUMassAmherst (November 2013): One of eight professors chosen across disciplines to deliver 12 minute TED Talk for students and faculty at UMass-Amherst. Video of TEDx: <https://vimeo.com/82303177>

Boston University (January 2014): Invited guest speaker for Dr. Robert Cadigan's Terrorism and Finance course discussing ISIS and terrorism funding

East-West Center 4th International Media Conference (March 2014): Guest speaker on Myanmar-based panel, discussing the role of Islamic finance in business journalism in the Asia-Pacific region. Video of panel:

<http://www.ewcmedia.org/yangon2014/2014/03/11/asia-financial-reporting/>

UMass-Amherst Women In Media Conference (April 2014): Guest speaker on panel at UMass-Amherst discussing challenges and strategies for female professionals in the media industry

Aslan Media Intersection Podcast (July 2014): Featured guest speaker for hour-long podcast discussing the state of journalism and freedom of press in society today. Audio of podcast: <http://aslanmedia.podbean.com/e/intersection-ep-42-july-25-2014/>

Boston University (August 2014): Invited guest speaker for Dr. Robert Cadigan's Terrorism and Financing course discussing the rise of ISIS and its global threat

WWLP Channel 22 (September 2014): Interviewed for news segment on the struggles of teaching journalism as threats for freelance journalists rise across the globe. Link to video and article: <http://wwlp.com/2014/09/03/students-still-aspire-to-be-foreign-correspondents/>

WWLP Channel 22 (November 2014): Interviewed for news segment on Obama administration's review of hostage situations. Link to video and article:

<http://wwlp.com/2014/11/19/obama-administration-reviews-hostage-situations/>

Religion Communication Association Annual Conference (November 2015): Invited to present research from recently published chapter in a talk entitled "Pat Robertson and Post-9/11 Portrayals of Islam and Judaism."

The Guardian (December 2015) Interviewed for article on the impact of anti-Muslim sentiment on children. Link to article:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/21/anti-muslim-harassment-american-classrooms-student-bullying>

WWLP Channel 22 (March 2016): Interviewed for news segment on Obama's historic visit to Cuba. Link to video and article:

<http://wwlp.com/2016/03/21/how-obamas-historic-visit-to-cuba-affects-the-u-s/>

UMass-Amherst Diversity and Listening Lunch Series (March 2016): Invited as a speaker to discuss the role of journalism in Syria for the "U.S. and Syrian Relations" panel

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism (April 2016): Invited as guest speaker to discuss my career path as an international journalist

AEJMC Annual Conference (August 2016): Invited to present "Pakistan's Silent War Against Journalists" at preconference workshop panel entitled *The Shrinking Public Sphere: Growing Restrictions on Press Freedom in South Asia and South-East Asia*

McClatchy D.C. (August 2016): Interviewed for article on Muslim-American reaction to Khizr Khan's speech at Democratic National Convention. Link to article:

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article93594077.html>

SPJ Excellence in Journalism Conference (September 2016): Invited as speaker/trainer for “Covering Islam” workshop breakout session. Link to podcast:

<https://islamforjournalists.wordpress.com/eij-conference/>

Poynter/Kent State Media Ethics Workshop (September 2016): Invited to speak on panel entitled “Media and Safe Spaces on College Campuses. Link to panel:

<http://mediaethics.jmc.kent.edu/archive.php>

Live Art Magazine (October 2016): Invited to present political essay at NEPR-sponsored live performance event held at the Northampton Academy of Music

<http://www.liveartmagazine.org/issues/issue-4/>

Foreign Policy (November 2016): Interviewed for article on Muslim American reaction to Donald Trump’s election as U.S. president. Link to article:

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/11/10/for-muslim-americans-fear-and-shock-at-a-trump-presidency/>

University of Massachusetts Amherst (February 2017): Panelist discussing the role of diversity in the media during the 2016 election for the journalism department panel “They Hate Us but They Need Us.” Link to video:

<https://amherstwire.com/19122/uncategorized/watch-they-hate-us-but-they-need-us-journalistic-failure-and-redemption-in-the-era-of-president-donald-trump/>

George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs (March 2017): Invited to present “Chasing War: The Struggle for Journalism in ISIS’ Middle East,” a discussion on journalism challenges as ISIS makes reporting more difficult in the region

Voice of America Turkish (March 2017): Featured in segment on presentation “Chasing War: The Struggle for Journalism in ISIS’ Middle East,” given at George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs. Link to video in Turkish:

<https://www.amerikaninsesi.com/a/3772756.html>

Market Wrap with Moe Ansari (May 2017): Invited to discuss five changes to social security in 2017, based on an article written for The Alert Investor. Link to audio:

<http://marketwrapwithmoe.libsyn.com/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-social-security-in-2017>

Visions (July 2017): Invited to discuss co-edited anthology and the spiritual significance of hijab on ABC13 Houston television program. Link to video:

<http://abc13.com/society/visions-7-2-17-segment-1/2180753/>

Washington Post (November 2017): Featured in a Q&A profile discussing co-edited anthology and significance of hijab. Link to article:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/11/17/in-new-book-muslim-sisters-hope-to-dispel-the-mystery-behind-the-hijab/?utm_term=.9f77d89e0aa4

Nieman Foundation (January 2018): Invited to present research project on expanding journalism within prison education as part of Knight Visiting Nieman Fellowship

#MeToo Movement and Minority Voices (February 2018): Invited as speaker discussing the impact of sexual harassment on Muslim-American and minority women and their role in the #MeToo movement. Link to video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-xu-ww7c18>

The Bill Newman Show (February 2018): Interviewed in radio segment discussing the #MeToo Movement within the journalism industry, as well as teaching prison journalism to incarcerated men as part of Knight Visiting Nieman Fellowship. Link to audio from

28:35 to 39:39: <https://soundcloud.com/whmp/the-bill-newman-show-february-26-2018#t=0:00>

MassLive.com (February 2018): Featured in article covering presentation at an event discussing the #MeToo movement and minority communities. Link to article: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2018/02/metoo_event_in_northampton_she.html

AEJMC Annual Conference (August 2018): Pitched and served as moderator of panel “Under Attack: Threats, Challenges and Gender Bias Facing International Female Journalists” featuring both academics and female journalists in the field

Connecting Point WGBY (September 2018): Featured in 10-minute segment regarding the innovative model of the Social Justice Journalism – Mass Incarceration course at UMass discussing teaching and research methods involved in running a joint class with UMass students and incarcerated students. Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4LM370bgsw>

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT:

Introduction to Journalism (UMass Amherst, AUC)

Travel Writing (UMass Amherst)

Opinion Writing (UMass Amherst)

International Journalism (UMass Amherst)

Newswriting and Reporting (UMass Amherst)

Voices for the Voiceless – Journalism Through Revolutions (UMass Amherst)

Social Justice Journalism – Mass Incarceration (UMass Amherst)

Online Journalism (AUC)

Introduction to Media Writing (Pace University)

Mass Media Writing (Pace University)

GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT:

Advanced Reporting and Writing (AUC)

Digital Journalism (AUC)

SERVICE:

Department Service

Instructor, Summer Journalism Institute for underserved high school students, Summer, 2018

International Coordinator for Journalism Department, Fall 2013-Present

Broadcast faculty search committee member, Spring-Fall 2013

Coordinator for JRN 300, Newswriting and Reporting Course, Fall 2015-Present

Co-wrote journalism department safety protocols for students, Fall 2015

Co-founder/Advisor of Journalism Education & Diversity Initiative (JEDI), Spring 2015-Present

University Service

Academic Fellows Program steering committee member, Spring 2018

Israel/Palestine Studies faculty search committee member, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Volunteer professor for inmates at Hampshire County Prison, Summer 2014 – Present

Field Service

Peer reviewer for paper submissions to AEJMC 2014 Annual Conference, Spring 2014

Research Liaison, Middle East & North Africa for the International Communication

Division on executive board of AEJMC, Fall 2015-Fall 2018

Mentor and Advisor for the Coalition for Women in Journalism

Commission on Status for Women Liaison for the International Communication Division of AEJMC, Summer 2017-Present

Co-founder of Prison Journalism Project with former San Quentin News advisor and journalist Yukari Kane to create a curriculum and textbook aimed at teaching journalism classes and newspaper across the country, Summer 2018 - Present

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE:

ALB The Brief, Dubai, UAE

Middle East Regional Editor, January 2012-December 2012

- Launched new legal magazine for the Middle East and North Africa, published by Thomson Reuters
- Named acting regional editor for sister publications Asian Legal Business (ALB) North Asia and ALB China while managing the Middle East publication
- Responsible for managing all print and online editorial operations for the three magazines
- Wrote features and analyses on the business of law in the Middle East as well as profiles of major legal players in the Gulf market
- Broke news on first insolvency proceedings filed by the Dubai government related entity Drydocks in Dubai's Special Tribunal; news was flashed on Reuters and widely picked up by global newspapers
- Regularly collaborated with Reuters newswire on features and breaking news stories
- Managed a team of two full-time reporters in Hong Kong and China as well as freelancers based in Asia and the Middle East

Thomson Reuters, Dubai, UAE

Islamic Finance Correspondent, February 2010-December 2011

- Covered regional trends, Islamic bond issuances, products, regulation and legal issues related to the Islamic finance industry for the Gulf Cooperation Council and North Africa
- Contributed Islamic finance columns for Reuters news wire and the International Herald Tribune, Middle East edition
- Provided daily on-air audio regional market outlook for Trading Middle East web broadcast
- Edited daily newsletter, *The Day Ahead*, for subscribers of Reuters social media/communities platform Trading Middle East

- Helped coordinate online Q&A chats and facilitated interactive community dialogue on Trading Middle East
- Broke news on the percentage terms offered to repay bank lenders in the Dubai World restructuring plan, Nakheel's plans for an Islamic bond, Dubai Group's missed loan payments and covered all major Dubai World meetings leading up to approval of the plan
- Broke news on details of \$3.6 billion restructuring plan for Kuwait's Investment Dar
- Reported, wrote and produced multimedia package on women in Islamic finance, featuring articles on female Islamic investment firms, halal cosmetics and female Islamic scholars in Malaysia for Reuters and IHT
- Covered Dubai Fashion Week for IHT article on the rise of Islamic fashion
- Responsible for coordinating Islamic finance coverage with bureaus across the globe,
- Islamic finance coverage resulted in Reuters win as Most Outstanding Islamic Newswire at the 8th Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum 2011
- Conducted on-air interviews with executives from major financial institutions for Reuters Insider Television

CNNMoney.com, New York, N.Y.

Staff Reporter, July 2005-July 2007

- As lead reporter covering the Enron trial, helped CNN's online and broadcast arm score major wins over the competition in reporting the verdict and provided ongoing breaking news reports and analyses of the historic case
- Featured as on-air Enron expert for CNN's breaking news reports and *The Nancy Grace Show*
- Broke news of Enron founder Ken Lay's death
- Wrote series of features and analyses of legal issues, including in-depth coverage of U.S. Supreme Court cases
- Broke news on proposed policy changes in insurance industry after Hurricane Katrina and workers compensation for victims of the Sago Mine accident
- Researched and published features and breaking news articles on banking and insurance industries
- Published personal finance features on divorce planning, maternity issues, online banking and navigating the housing market

Dow Jones Newswires, Jersey City, N.J.

Banking and Insurance Reporter, January 2004-July 2005

- Featured as a daily on-air correspondent for CNBC Asia, reporting on international stock action
- Published articles on costs of insuring Iraq contractors, rising risk of insuring Olympics, the impact of Hurricane Charley on the insurance industry, the impact of rising rates on credit card holders and the increasing profit potential for banks involved in the auto leasing business in the Wall Street Journal

- Wrote series of articles on the bid-rigging scandal in the insurance industry and broke news on Marsh & McLennan's loss of employees and clients in the wake of industry investigation
- Wrote series of articles following consolidation trend in banking industry
- Wrote analyses on corporate earnings and trends in banking and insurance sectors
- Insurance and banking articles have been featured in newspapers across the country, including the Miami Herald, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Seattle Times, New York Sun and Newsday

Dow Jones Newswires, Jersey City, N.J.

Stock Market Reporter, June 2000-April 2002

- Daily on-air correspondent for CNBC Asia, reporting on international stock action
- Wrote Abreast of the Market, Small-Stock Focus columns in Wall Street Journal
- Reported on daily stock market activity and wrote analytical articles and outlooks on market behavior
- Wrote Technically Speaking column for the newswire, analyzing market technicals
- Wrote features on accounting scandals, foreign exchange, stock repurchases, corporate profiles

Dow Jones Newswires, Jersey City, N.J.

Reporting Assistant, June 2000-April 2002

- Published daily market commentaries in Wall Street Journal, Asian Wall Street Journal
- Recipient of Dow Jones ACE Award for reporting and writing the daily ADR commentary
- Researched, wrote and published daily market commentaries, small-cap stock commentary
- Researched, wrote and published "hot stock" stories of most active listed companies

FREELANCE EXPERIENCE:

Betterment, Amherst, Massachusetts

Editorial Consultant, July 2016-Present

- Provide research, copywriting and editorial services for financial services/asset management articles and blogs

Encore Media, Amherst, Massachusetts

Contributing Writer, July 2013-July 2014

- Research, interview and write 1,200-word profiles on successful senior citizens that have transitioned to an encore career aimed at promoting and advocating for social issues and humanitarian causes.

Egyptian Radio and Television, Cairo, Egypt

Media Trainer/Consultant, January 2010

- Conducted three-week intensive media training workshop for junior and senior reporters and producers for two Egyptian television networks and two new media outlets
- Workshops covered basics in good journalism and reporting, ethics, multimedia journalism, essentials of photography and video journalism as well as computer-assisted reporting
- Provided head of state-owned Egyptian Television with analysis of sessions with recommendations to improve efficiency of newsroom operations

Dow Jones Private Equity Analyst, Cairo, Egypt

Middle East Correspondent, January 2008 – September 2009

- Covered trends in the private equity market in the Middle East, including Islamic finance

Working Mother Magazine, New York, New York

Freelance Writer, January 2006-June 2009

- Profiled winners for the magazine's annual Working Mother's Best Companies for Women of Color issue and the annual 100 Best Companies for Working Mothers issue

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