

SIENA ANSTIS

WORK EXPERIENCE

2010: Battery Operated Systems for Community Outreach (BOSCO)-Uganda

Communications Advisor in Gulu, Uganda

- Developed and implemented a communications strategy for BOSCO-Uganda
- Researched and shared successful models of ICT4D among local and international organizations
- Assisted with monitoring, evaluation and research of on-going programs

2009 - 2010: Aga Khan Foundation East Africa (AKF,EA)

Regional Communications Fellow with AKF,EA in Nairobi, Kenya.

- Documented AKF(EA) projects in Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya
- Produced and designed communications materials featuring AKF(EA) projects
- Designed a regional social media communications strategy
- Supported and developed the communications agenda of AKF offices in East Africa
- Coordinated communications staff working with AKF(EA) projects
- Worked with vulnerable communities in Kenya's North Eastern and Coastal Provinces

2009 - present: Project Diaspora and Women of Kireka

Team Member and Associate Project Manager in Kampala, Uganda

- Working with internally displaced refugees to develop a women's microfinance organization on the Kireka Quarry
- Assisting with the management of a team of interns to develop the Women of Kireka jewelry brand on an international level

2009: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Journalist covering the Europe/North America section of UNESCO's 6th Youth Forum in Paris, France

- Co-managed production of four newsletters covering Forum events
- Interviewed UNESCO's Deputy Director General in public round-table
- Implemented a social media strategy to continue discussions post-forum

2005 - Current: Freelance Journalist and Photographer

- Blogger with the World Bank's *YouThink* and *THIS Magazine*
- Former news editor (2008) with *the Concordian*
- <http://siena-anstis.com>: articles, photography, blog

2009 - 10: Stories From Montreal

Editor and Contributor

- Edited anthropological essays for publication
- Completed typeset and design

2008: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)

CBC Montreal Radio Intern

- Worked in close partnership with Online Regional Editor on the Quebec Votes 2008 website
- Online editing, video & sound editing, research and writing

2007: Globe and Mail

Research for the Globe & Mail in Gulu, Uganda.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2010: Montreal Institute for Genocide Studies (MIGS)

Research Intern

- Summarize articles for Will to Intervene initiative
- Monitor news broadcasts from Libya

2008: Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET)

Information Sharing and Networking Intern

- Developed WOUGNET's citizen journalism program in Kampala, Uganda
- Facilitated a two-day citizen journalism workshop for local NGOs

2007 - 08: In Their Shoes (ITS)

Executive Director and Founder

- Managed a team of 15 volunteers; incorporated as non-profit; established Board of Directors
- Hosted fundraisers, monthly speaker series and ensured delivery of in-class presentations

2007: Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program

Volunteer

- Designed an on-site HIV/AIDS testing & sports program for CVAP
- Hosted first on-site testing & football event: 500+ young adults tested for HIV
- Developed a long-term proposal for an HIV/AIDS awareness education group at Gulu University

EDUCATION

McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Canada

BLC/LLB degree expected, 2013

Danish School of Journalism, Aarhus, Denmark

Diploma in Risk Reporting, Multimedia Journalism and International Newsgathering, 2008

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

B.A. (First Class Honors), Double Major in Journalism & Anthropology, 2006-2009

ARTICLES

2010 Prison Visit: Meeting the Other and the Transformation of Personal Stereotypes *In Stories from-Montreal 5*. Montreal: Tulipe Press.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2010: Insight Collaborative

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) workshop

- Understanding the psychology of negotiation and dispute resolution
- Practical application of the Harvard Law School ADR methodology.

2010: NMC 1st World Youth Meeting for Sustainable Development

Forced Migration Workshop and Drafting of Action Plan

- Identifying the causes of forced migration
- Evaluating situation of forced migrants in host countries
- Developing an Action Plan reflecting necessary changes to forced migration protection policies

2009: Aga Khan Foundation, East Africa

Performance Management Training

- Setting SMART objectives
- Determining Key Performance Indicators
- Understanding management structures in non-profits

2009: Aga Khan Foundation, Canada

International Development Management Training

- Project proposal writing and budgeting
- Development theory and arguments
- Non-governmental organization management and budgeting
- Conflict resolution, capacity-building and inter-cultural effectiveness training

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

March 2010	Alternative Dispute Resolution, Insight Collaborative - Boston, USA
January 2010	NMC 1st World Youth Meeting for Sustainable Development - Bari, Italy
October 2009	Africa Gathering: ICT and Development - London, UK
October 2009	UNESCO 6th World Youth Forum - Paris, France
September 2008	Global Conference on the Prevention of Genocide - Montreal, Canada
August 2008	Citizen Journalism Training (facilitator) - Kampala, Uganda

AWARDS

- 2009: Forces Avenir - Undergraduate Personality Award Laureate: "Global Youth Leader."
- 2009: Finaliste, Grands prix du journalisme indépendant du Quebec.
- 2008: CIDA Journalism and Development Initiative Scholarship.
- 2008: Lewis Harris Award for academic and professional achievement in journalism.
- 2008: John W. Sancton Award for academic and professional achievement in journalism.

OTHER

Languages: Fluent in French & English / Beginner's Spanish / Beginner's Swahili

Media: Specialist in social media for communications, advanced InDesign & Pages, basic Photoshop

Nationalities: Dual Citizen, Swedish & Canadian.