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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.** New York, N.Y.  
*Master's of Science in Journalism, May 2007.*

**University of California, Davis.** Davis, Ca.  
*Bachelor's of Science in Community Development.*

## EXPERIENCE

**Reuters,** New York, N.Y. (June 2007-Present)

Journalist Reported primarily on cash oil product and oil market; reported spot news on the oil industry as well as trends in U.S. oil consumption and in the industry.

**Freelance Journalist,** New York, N.Y. (2006-2007)

Wrote articles and took photographs for various newspapers, magazines, outlets.

**Social Policy Research Associates,** Oakland, Ca. (2004-2006)

Policy Analyst Evaluated national job training, youth and diversity programs for the federal government and national foundations.

**Tadias, Ethiopian-American Lifestyle and Business Magazine.** (2005-2007)

Freelance Writer Wrote articles covering the Ethiopian Diaspora in the San Francisco and New York areas.

**American Heart Association,** Sacramento, Ca. (2001-2004)

Legislative Assistant Researched, drafted, and analyzed state legislation. Managed communications with California-wide Grassroots Action Network.

**CARE Ethiopia,** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (2002)

Evaluation Intern Evaluated farmer-led soil conservation and pest control programs in rural Ethiopia.

**Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now,** Sacramento, Ca. 2000

Communications Coordinator Statewide media representative; managed press coverage and coordinated lobbying efforts for predatory lending bill.

**Rural California Housing Corporation,** Sacramento, Ca. (1999-2000)

Community Organizer, AMERICORPS\*VISTA Wrote home maintenance manual and training guide for sweat-equity homeowners.

**Jutta Tesche Language School,** Culiacan, Mexico. (1998)

Instructor Taught English as a second language to adult professionals.

## DISTINCTIONS

Andrew Goodman Scholar 2006-2007, Sylvia Wilson Scholar 2006-2007, both at Columbia University School of Journalism.

## SKILLS/ASSETS

**Languages:** English mother tongue; fluency in Amharic; intermediate level French and Spanish.

Reuters Training: Television, multi-media ethics, short .

**Skills:** Able to conceptualize and package multimedia print and web stories. High proficiency with computer software – Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, Lexis-Nexis, ProTools, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, SPSS and .html coding.