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Summary Qualifications: With an international background in varied pursuits, the essence of my efforts has integrated a passion for education and knowledge, multi-cultural experiences based in a curiosity of human behavior and choices, art in its many forms, as well as writing and research. I have thrived in developing communication and organizational proficiencies along with interpersonal skills, while either teaching or interpreting experiences of distinctive differences and flavor.

Academic Background

- Master's of Arts Degree in Humanities with emphasis on creative writing for children and young adults and art history from Dominican University of California, 1999.
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Languages (Danish, English, French, German, Latin) from Taarnby Gymnasium, Copenhagen, Denmark in 1975.

Professional Background

Professional Writer and Editor. 1991 – present. Fiction novel developments, short stories, fiction and non-fiction for children and young adults, on-going assignments for magazines, contract work for websites, individual projects for people's novel manuscripts, memoirs, profiles, bios, art class development/curriculum, artist statements, etc.

Sample recent projects:

- Middle grade historical fiction story based in the Viking Age in development and under consideration for publication.
- Since May, 2006 regular monthly article contributor to Vision Magazine, a print as well as on-line publication (www.visionmagazine.com)
- Web content development for travel website www.vayama.com (Airtrade International) before launch in 2008. Researched travel information for cities around the world and wrote several hundred airline profiles based on Internet and industry sources. Regular travel shorts for cities around the world after launch.
- February April, 2009: Editor of trilogy, now published: www.equationnovels.com

The art supply industry, management and marketing. 2004 – present.

 Currently the Store Manager for RileyStreet Art Supply, an art center and store in San Rafael, California. Creating on-going educational programs in the form of classes for youth and adults, weekly free art demonstrations, lectures, fund raising events for school arts programs, co-creations with local arts organization, writing a weekly newsletter to 1400 clients, working with local college faculty to provide needed supplies for students as well as adding extra-curricular offerings where helpful to teachers and students. RileyStreet's community liaison to the local art world.

Other work experience:

- Co-developed an art based educational program for High School aged children based on photography and writing, allowing young people to find a voice in their local communities by identifying what works and what doesn't, and creating CDs documenting their observations using writing and photography skills.
- Employed by Google in 2008 to assist in evaluating queries from their Danish search engines against the quality of the results. Required in-depth ability to identify any given Co-founder of LED lighting company in Mill Valley. Spent 4 years building platform and product protection.
- Managed a 30+ yacht charter and sailing school for 6 years in Sausalito, CA. Developed
 a four tier sailing certification program for adults and young adults.
- 12 years in management in the airline industry, Copenhagen, London, Bangkok, San Francisco.
- Co-founder of LED lighting company. Spent 4 years building platform and product protection.
- Graduate of the program "What One person Can Do," exchanges designed to help the
 individual become the best they can starting with their own integrity and building
 valuable problem solving and communication skills, and much more. See
 www.oneperson.net

Current Commissions and Volunteer Work:

- Board member and Secretary on the Board of Directors of the San Rafael Downtown Business Improvement District, an Advisory Board to the San Rafael City Council.
- One of 5 Board Members serving on a sub-committee of the above to re-structure the current organization from an Advisory Board to an independent non-profit serving the needs of downtown San Rafael.