

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Biographical Information

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Summary of Professional Experience:

2014-March – Present African Correspondentt ‘Welt-Sichten’ a monthly publication based in Germany and Switzerland with a development focus and a minimum circulation of 5000 copies

2012 – Present Writer, *The Peace Journalist Magazine*, an online publication of the Center for Global Peace Journalism, Park University, America.

2011 – Present founder, Peace Journalism Foundation East Africa, a grassroots organization based in Kampala, Uganda aimed at equipping journalists with the necessary skills to report effectively on conflicts around the east African region.

2011 – Present Radio Producer/Editor, Peace Journalism Foundation East Africa.

2011 – Present In-house media mentor at selected radio stations in Uganda.

2011 – 2013 Training Assistant/Coordinator, Peace Media and Counter-terrorism project in Uganda implemented by Peace Journalism Foundation East Africa and funded by the American embassy in Kampala.

2010 – 2011 Project Assistant/production expert, Peace Journalism and Electoral Reporting project in Uganda.

2000 – 2006 Senior Parliamentary Reporter, Capital Radio, Kampala, Uganda.

2009 – 2006 Freelance war reporter covering the Lord's Resistance Army-related conflict and Karamoja Conflicts, Uganda.

1988 – 2000 Bureau chief/Reporter covering the Lord's Resistance Army-related atrocities, Media Plus TV News, Gulu, Uganda.

1996 – 2006 Freelance war reporter covering North Uganda, New Vision, Gulu, Uganda.

1999 Jan – July Communication assistant documenting former rebel Lord's Resistance Army child abductees, World Vision, Gulu, Uganda.

Awards and Honors:

- 2008 BBC World Service Trust award for overall best Ugandan journalist in the Communicating Justice radio project for documentary about the lives of child mothers of former Lord's Resistance Army soldiers.
- April 2011 Center for Global Peace Journalism, Park University, America outstanding performance award for peace, electoral and development journalism reporting project in Uganda ahead of the February 2011 general elections. The goal of the project was to prevent media induced violence during political campaigns.
- As a reporter I was invited by peace organizations to report on peace talks between members of the Lord's Resistance Army and the government of Uganda in London, UK in 1988 and in Juba, South Sudan in 2005/6.

Employment:

2011 – Present Co-Founder, Coordinator, Peace Journalism Foundation East Africa (PJFEA) Ref: www.pjfeastafrica.wordpress.com

Duties:

- Directing and coordinating peace journalism activities in Uganda and Kenya.

- Assisting during training workshops with production (editing, sound, scriptwriting).
- Collaborating with radio journalists in producing peace journalism radio programs.
- Working with different radio managers and local/regional media associations in the mobilization/selection of participants for training workshops.
- Monitoring and evaluating the project through surveys distributed and completed at the end of every activity to gauge the effectiveness of our work.
- Filing articles for *The Peace Journalist Magazine*.
- Writing project reports and proposals.

2011 – 2013 Project Coordinator, Peace Media and Counter-terrorism Project, Uganda.

Duties:

- Supervising the production of Anti-terrorism Public Service Announcements (PSA) in 12 Ugandan local languages.
- Providing technical, logistic and welfare support to four visiting American professors of criminal justice, media and Law working on the counter-terrorism project.
- Training journalists, local leaders, the at-risk facilities and security officials on collaboration efforts to stay off terrorism in Uganda.
- Editing stories with journalists during training.
- Monitoring and evaluating the project through surveys distributed and completed at the end of every activity to measure the effectiveness of our work.
- Writing project reports and proposals.

2012 – Present Guest lecturer (part-time), Center for Global Peace Journalism, Park University, America. I occasionally address journalism students via a video link, sharing my experiences as a war reporter. Reference: Prof. Steve Youngblood, steve.youngblood@park.edu.

2010 – 2011 Project assistant, Peace Electoral and development journalism program funded by USAID ahead of Uganda’s general election.

Duties:

- Working with radio journalists in producing peace journalism radio programs.
- Working with different radio managers and local/regional media associations in the mobilization/selection of participants for training workshops.
- Editing stories with journalists during trainings.
- Distribution of Public Service Announcements on peaceful elections to radio stations.
- Monitoring and evaluating the project through surveys distributed and completed at the end of every activity to measure the effectiveness of our work.
- Writing project reports

Education:

Date	Institution	Qualification	Class/Grade
2009 – 2012	Ndejje University, Kampala	Bachelor of Journalism and Mass Communication	Second Honors (Upper Division)
2005 – 2006	Kitende Senior Secondary School,	Uganda Advanced Certificate of	One Principal Passes

	Kampala, Uganda	Education (UACE)	(A-level)
2000 – 2002	United Media Consultant and Trainers Institute (UMCAT)	Diploma in Journalism	Second Class (Upper)
1987 – 1990	City High School. Kampala Uganda	Uganda O Level Certificate	Div 3

Training experience:

- Using an experience-based approach between July 2010 and November 2011, I co-trained a total of 547 Ugandan journalists on Peaceful Electoral reporting, funded through USAID, US Embassy Kampala.
- As co-trainer on the USAID/NUTI-funded Peace Journalism Project in June 2009, I mentored and worked with a total of 30 journalists from the Acholi sub-region on peace journalism and transitional justice reporting.
- Between 2006 and 2007 I conducted series of community dialogues on ‘HIV/Aids communication needs among internally displaced persons’, focusing on women and children, in Gulu, Uganda, a project of the Uganda Media Women’s Association.
- In June 2006 I co-trained 25 journalists from northern Uganda on Reporting on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the region, organised by **Save The Children in Uganda** in commemoration of the Day of the African Child.

- I have also had the opportunity to share my experience with journalists at different training forums locally and internationally.

Short courses completed:

Year/Month	Course
2013 May/Jun	Reporting on Development in Africa. An 8-week online course offered by the International Center for Journalists Institute (ICJI)
2009 Aug/Sep	International Justice Radio Workshop, 'Raising awareness of international criminal and transitional justice issues'
2008 Feb	Facilitated debates among farmers and business people, Gulu, Uganda
2008 Jan/April	BBC World Service Trust, 'Reporting transitional Justice in Uganda', Kampala, Uganda
2007 July	Radio reporting workshop, 'The Juba Peace talks, from the Conference to the Community', Gulu, Uganda
2008 Aug	Radio reporting workshop, 'Gender-based Violence, The path to peace and healing', Internews, Arua
2005 Sept	Conflict Sensitive Reporting
2004 April	African Leadership Institute Akina Mama wa Africa, 'Training of Trainers', Mombasa, Kenya
2002 Dec	Conflict Management and Peace-building, Gulu, Uganda
2001 Aug/Sep	Investigative Journalism, Washington, USA
2000 June	The Art of Public Speaking
1999 Dec	Photojournalism, Unicef, Uganda

Additional skills:

- Ability to edit voices/sound using Adobe Audition and Cool Edit.

- Good leadership, ability to work in teams, mobilise and coordinate group/organization activities.
- Multimedia experience with strong editorial judgment.
- Great working knowledge of radio and television production processes.
- Strong knowledge of social media and online news production processes.
- Production of television documentaries.
- Writing for print.
- Photography.

NOTE: The above skills are transferable to the journalists and the teams I work with, who benefit greatly from this knowledge.

Research experience:

2011 May – October: I conducted research on the role of radio stations in peace building and management of northern Ugandan conflicts. Ref: Kyanja Romano, Ndejje University, jkayanja2000@yahoo.co.uk

Professional associations:

Member, Uganda Media Women's Association (UMWA)

Member, National Institute of Journalists of Uganda (NIJU)

Member, International Center for Journalists Institute (ICJI)

Member, Uganda Journalists Association (UJA)

Member, Northern Uganda media club (NUMEC).

Hobbies:

Writing, reading, travelling, learning and sharing experiences.

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