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Date of Birth: 13th September, 1975 **Nationality:** Swedish

Education

1999 - 2002 University of Aberdeen

PhD Comparative Political Science (Green Parties). Ongoing research project, due to submit October 2002. It has given me the opportunity to develop excellent time-management, and communication skills. These skills have enabled me to conduct, simultaneously, in-depth interviews with Swedish and Scottish MP's as well as two medium scale quantitative surveys of party members. Working as a doctoral

researcher I have learned that flexibility and personal integrity are the two traits that are

most likely to help you achieve your goals.

1999 - 2000 University of Aberdeen

Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods

Summer 1999 University of Essex

Essex Summer School in Social Research Methods

Attended and passed four modules:

'Introduction to Survey Research' by Dr Pam Campanelli 'Data Analysis for Beginners Using SPSS' by Dr Charlie Davison

'Qualitative Interviewing' by Dr Revan Schenler

'Causal Reasoning' Dr Jim Davis

1995 - 1999 University of Aberdeen

MA (Hons) Political Studies (2:1)

Dissertation: Post-materialism in Norway and Sweden: A Critical Analysis

1994 - 1995 University of Hawaii at Hilo

Political Science Major, Bachelor of Arts

Course emphasis: Human rights and International Relations

Skills

Communication: Excellent in verbal, written and listening communication to varied audiences. Ability to write reports,

presentations, agendas and minutes. Gained through university education, secretary for various

university teams, and as editor for an online journal.

<u>IT</u>: Working knowledge of *FrameMaker*. Excellent knowledge of the *Windows* environment, including the

Office 2000 suite, *Power Point* etc. Able to deal with basic to intermediate software and programming problems, and capable of building and maintaining web-sites (see for example www.swetrans.com).

<u>Teamwork</u>: Teamwork and problem solving ability gained through courses and group assessment, as part of my

degrees. Working as a tutor also requires interpersonal skills with staff and students. Whilst working as a youth coach it was necessary to liase with parents, children, and club officials to ensure that training

sessions, league games, and tournaments went smoothly.

Other: * Clean UK driver's license

* Native speaker Swedish and English

* Basic German and Spanish

Work Experience

present

June 2001 – Self-employed freelance translator, SweTrans Translation Services.

Freelance translations between English and Swedish, both language directions. Pending Associate Membership of the Institute of Linguists, the United Kingdom.

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Spring 2001 - present

Personal Assistant – Scribe - (dyslexic students), University of Aberdeen.

Personal assistant – scribe - to dyslexic students, with English as their second language, during exam diets, ensuring their personal circumstances have a minimal effect on their university education/experience.

Autumn 2000

Teaching Assistant, University of Aberdeen - Dept. of Sociology.

The course touched upon many areas of computing skills (Office packages, Internet resources etc.), however it focused on quantitative research methods and computer analysis based on the SPSS v.10 package.

Spring 2000 - present

Teaching Assistant, University of Aberdeen - Dept. of Politics & I.R.

As a teaching assistant for both a 1st year International Relations course, and a 2nd year Politics course I have a social as well as an academic responsibility for 50-60 students. This job is very much based on team-work, and as a teaching assistant you are responsible for the creation of a group dynamic that will help foster critical analytical skills, this is mainly achieved by activating, inspiring, and motivating students. Students that are safe in the knowledge that their tutor will give them the tools needed to excel often outperform their peers, and this is something that is equally applicable elsewhere in business and industry.

December 1999 -December 2001 Editor, Sapientia - The Online Journal for the UK Postgraduate Community

As the editor for an online journal like Sapientia there are a number of core tasks and responsibilities. Mainly to attract new contributors on a rolling basis, focused primarily on quarterly publication deadlines. Develop vision for the journal., and successfully communicate that vision, and keep the journal on track strategically.

Interests & Achievements

University

I have been the elected President of the Aberdeen University European Society for the academic years of 1997-98 & 1998-99, and as such I have had the privilege to go on several conferences with the *European Movement*. I am one of the founding member of the Aberdeen University Scandinavian Society, established in 1996, and a regular contributor to both cultural and social events.

Sport

Team secretary for the inter-departmental league, an inter-mural league which features five-a-side football, volleyball, and uni-hoc. League captain of the Aberdeen University Badminton Team, and a first-team player (singles and doubles) 1995-1997. As a fully qualified youth coach (badminton) I have taught junior players at several clubs. Frequently play tennis, badminton, and squash with friends and colleagues.

Referees

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