

Photojournalistic & Curatorial Work and Personal Projects

2007 - present

Recipient of the International Center of Photography (ICP)/ Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation 2019-20 Fellowship with the focus on health and nursing

- Production of the proposed multimedia project: "Breast Cancer Survivors: Restoring body image after treatment".

International Center of Photography (ICP) Exhibition Department. Curatorial Assistant.

- Curatorial Assistant for the One-Year Certificate Full Time Program 2018-19 Exhibition in the Education Gallery at the International Center of Photography's School.

ICP, New Media Narratives Program 2018 Graduate. Awarded a 1 year work study program at ICP's Exhibition Department. Curatorial Assistant

- Year-end submission, multimedia piece: "Walls; Within and With(Out)" examining the origin of spiritual, emotional and psychological walls that impact individual lives and society,
- Curatorial Assistant for E. Clark's exhibition *The Day the Music Died*, on the Global War on Terror.
- **Awards:** ICP study scholarship and a one year work study program at ICP's exhibition department.

Eyes in Progress Masterclasses Workshop Series guided by photojournalists David Burnett & Ed Kashi

- Completed and presented two personal projects: "Traces of Communism and Emancipation" in Paris & "Unable to Forget Franco" in Barcelona (2014-15) utilizing photographic images interviews.
- **Award:** Most viewed Eyes in Progress project of the Masterclass with David Burnett in Paris, 2014.

Developed a personal photographic project with accompanying curriculums

- Documenting life in the aftermath of the fall of the Iron Curtain in the break-away Republic of Moldova and in Berlin, Germany; rooted in the personal narrative of having witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall as a child.
- Travelling exhibition entitled: "Within My Walls and Beyond" funded by international institutions, such as the German Mission to the United Nations, Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, Centre des Arts at the International School of Geneva in Switzerland since 2014.
- Engaged adults and school children in story circles and created workshops to gain insight as to their personal interpretation of my artwork on the theme of walls.
- **Award:** Softweb, a one year Mentorship Program for Migrant Women Entrepreneurs 2016-17.

Humanitarian & Development Work

2003 - 2013

Photographic documentation to combat forced labor in the caucasus region, International Labor Organization. Additional responsibilities:

- Responsible for the compilation and reporting of donors' budgets.
- Conducted and monitored training sessions in the Western Balkans, Moldova, Georgia and Armenia for government officials, national police and armed forces on the prevention of human trafficking and forced labor, protection of survivors and prosecution of offenders.

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership, International Organisation for Migration, United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime, Berlin Office of the European Commission

- Employed as a project manager, logistician and artist integrating theatre into humanitarian training.

Under the auspices of Doctors Without Borders:

- Instrumental in the construction of a prison clinic and implementing water and sanitation standards for a field hospital for testing and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Under the direction of the German Embassy:

- Conducted an investigation on torture and provision of psychological support for prisoners during the Maoist conflict in Nepal.

As a German representative to the United Nations:

- Received an Educational Grant to further my conviction to humanitarian principles: Attended International Institute on Humanitarian Law, Italy and University of Oxford Summer School, UK.

Teaching Experience

2012 - present

Under the direction of the International Center of Photography Faculty Staff:

- Graduate Teaching assistant for video, audio and lighting for studio and on location.
- ICP/Huawei NEXT-IMAGE Photo Research Fellow, focused on iPhone photography trends.

Taught Expressive Art Workshops for survivors of human trafficking to facilitate healing in Nepal.

Taught German as a foreign language in trilingual private schools, companies, public institutions in Switzerland.

Languages

German	Mother tongue	Spanish	Very Good Proficiency
English	Working language	Russian	Written and spoken, intermediate
French	Working language		

Education and Research

Sept. 2017–June 2018	New Media Narratives full-time Program, INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF PHOTOGRAPHY (ICP), New York, New York. Final: “Walls; Within and With(Out)”, a multimedia documentary healing project featured in a group show “Signal Crossings”.
Aug. 2012–Aug. 2013	Certificates and Research in Drama Therapy and Applied Theatre Switzerland, Germany, and United States
Sept. 2010–Sept. 2011	Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Humanitarian Action, GENEVA CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION (CERAH), The University of Geneva and The Graduate Institute Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland 2010–2011 Majors: Media & Humanitarian Action, Advocacy, Children in Conflict. Thesis: “What are the determining factors for humanitarian intervention despite the limitations of humanitarian space? The case of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea”.
Sept. 2005–July 2008	Master of Arts (M.A.) in East European Studies Online, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT (FU), Berlin, Germany; Chisinau/Tiraspol, Moldova 2005–2007 Majors: Project Management, Conflict Management. 2008 Thesis: “Combating Human Trafficking in Moldova—structural impediments and limited successes”
Sept. 2001–Sept. 2004	Master of Science in Management (M.Sc.)/ Diplômée des Grandes Ecoles de Gestion/ Diplomkauffrau, ESCP-EAP European School of Management, Paris, France; Oxford, United Kingdom; Berlin, Germany 2004 Majors: Environmental Law, Marketing, Japanese Business Strategies. Thesis: “Intercultural Management in the field of tension between Russian and Western European national cultures and the Western corporate culture—case study: Shell in Moscow”.

Sports Achievements

April 2002–June 2005	High Performance Athlete in Modern Pentathlon
September 1996– 1999	Awarded with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, Buckingham Palace, UK.