

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

September 2005 **The London School of Economics and Political Science** **London, UK**

M.Sc. Development Management from the **Development Studies Institute**

My focus was on the international political economy and its effect on the development prospects of developing countries. Major assessed papers (available online) included:

- Thesis: Assessing the Developmental Impact of Variation in Bilateral Investment Treaties
- Development Policy Space and the WTO
- Paradox of Trade Participation
- Report of the Youth Consultation Project on Internet Governance
- Institutional Reform and State Capacity

May 1998 **The University of Pennsylvania/The Wharton School of Business** **Philadelphia, USA**

BSE Bioengineering from the **School of Engineering and Applied Science**

BS Economics (Entrepreneurial Management) from **The Wharton School**

Graduated *summa cum laude* and received the following awards and recognition: Dean's List, Benjamin Franklin Scholar, Joseph Wharton Scholar, Loveman Entrepreneurial Management Award, Herman Schwaan Bioengineering Award.

RESEARCH AND WRITING EXPERIENCE

April 2003 – **The Korea Herald** **Seoul, South Korea**

December 2003 **Business Desk Copy Editor**

Served as the copyreader for the business desk of Korea's No. 1 English language daily newspaper. I was responsible not only for editing and correcting the grammar, style and syntax of articles written by Korean reporters on business subjects, but also for fact checking, headline writing and design proofing. My section of the newspaper covered international and national finance, domestic corporate performance, banking, mergers and acquisitions and technology. I also periodically contributed feature stories for the weekend lifestyle magazine.

June 2000 – **Centre for Science and Environment** **New Delhi, India**

June 2001 **Computer Modelling, Web Programmer**

Worked with the director of India's premier environmental NGO in researching urban air pollution as well as handling all Internet-related publishing for the organization. My accomplishments included:

- Programmed the New Delhi Air Pollution Load Model, which projected urban vehicular air pollution under various circumstances and with various policy interventions;
- Wrote reports and gave presentations on this model for policymakers (such as the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board) and academics;
- Developed a Climate Equity Model, which projected country by country carbon emissions scenarios under various provisions of and alternatives to the Kyoto Protocol;
- Planned and implemented a website redesign, including creating new sections and resources;
- Edited and released new or updated Internet content including designing graphics;
- Managed the design and launch of Down To Earth Online, an Internet version of the organisation's magazine. See: <http://www.cseindia.org>, <http://www.downtoearth.org.in>

May 1998 – **Student Environmental Action Coalition** **Philadelphia, USA**

June 1999 **Development Director**

Coordinated all fundraising and development programs for national environmental organization with over 2000 member organizations across the country. Extensive work in grant writing and major donor based fundraising as well as membership-based support. Other responsibilities included employee oversight, accounting, office management and organizing of events and meetings.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Platforms All major OS (Unix, Linux, Windows, and Mac), network administration and graphic/web design
Software MS Office, Access, FrontPage, OpenOffice, DreamWeaver, Photoshop, PageMaker, Acrobat, Illustrator, Quark X-Press, Lotus Notes, MathCad, Matlab, Maple, Flash, SPSS, MySQL, SAS
Programming PHP, Javascript, Java, HTML, DHTML, Perl, CGI, C, VBScript

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- June 2004 – Orangewood Institute Beijing, China**
September 2004 English Instructor
Taught English as well as conversation and presentation skills to students and business people. My tasks included curriculum and material preparation, in-class work, and student assessment.
- April 2003 – Korea Ultimate Seoul, South Korea**
December 2003 League Coordinator, Webmaster
Organized the first ultimate frisbee league for Seoul, managing finances, registration and operations. I also served as the Webmaster for the organization. (<http://www.koreaultimate.com>)
- April 2002 – ChildU School, Suji Campus Seoul, South Korea**
April 2003 English as a Second Language Instructor
Taught English to students whose skill ranged from beginner to advanced. Along with classroom instruction, I planned lessons, assisted in curriculum design, and produced teaching aids.
- Sept 1997 – Strategic Management Group, Inc. Philadelphia, USA**
April 1998 Information Systems Technician
Maintained and installed software, hardware, and networking solutions for a 200-employee business in Microsoft/Novell environments, including end-user support and network maintenance.

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

- October 2004 – Development Studies Student Society London, UK**
present Campaigns Coordinator
As part of the board for our student association, I looked after the campaigns and advocacy activities. This included giving notice to other students of important events such as Make Poverty History campaign events, and also the organising of our own events. In particular, we cooperated with other campus societies to organise events around World AIDS Day in December 2004, culminating in a public lecture and sexual health party.
- March 2000 – Sri Jamison International Buddhist Meditation Centre Ampitiya, Sri Lanka**
May 2000 Volunteer English Teacher
Taught basic and conversational English to the monastic and lay community. The students ranged in experience from total beginners to being nearly fully conversant.
- Dec. 1996 – Student Environmental Action Coalition Philadelphia, USA**
February 1999 National Council Member, Editor *Threshold Magazine*
Served on the board of directors of the only national student environmental justice organization in the US. The board set organisational policy, budgets, and program priorities. I also sat on the Standing Committee, the executive decision-making body, acting as the fundraising director. As Editor of the magazine (circulation 3,000), I was responsible for coordinating and proofing submissions, managing the layout and design work, as well as overseeing printing and distribution.
- Nov. 1997 – Progressive Activist Network Philadelphia, USA**
May 1998 Founder, Editorial board of *PANic Magazine*
Convened a diverse coalition of campus activists into a functioning network with campaigns on ethical investment and labour standards. I also served on the editorial board of our magazine.
- April 1995 – Penn Environmental Group Philadelphia, USA**
May 1998 President, Earth Day Coordinator, *Green Times* Production Editor
Served in many capacities in this college environmental group, including chairing campaigns on environmental justice issues, coordinating Earth Day events, and organising conferences.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Chowla, Peter, "Vegetarian generation gap," Korea Herald, July 4, 2003.
- Chowla, Peter, "A Dream Deferred - Will peace ever come to Kashmir?" In *These Times*, vol. 25, no. 21-22, October 1, 2001. (<http://www.inthesetimes.com/issue/25/21/chowla2521.html>)
- Aggarwal, Anil with Dr HB Mathur and Peter Chowla, "The CNG Imperative," *Down To Earth*, vol. 9, no. 21, March 31, 2001. (http://www.cseindia.org/html/dte/dte20010331/dte_srep.htm)

LANGUAGES NATIONALITY

English (native language), French (proficient), Korean (conversational), Hindi (basic)
United States of America