

## **EDUCATION/ACTIVITIES**

- **The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University:** Medford, MA (2000-present)
  - \*Received Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy in the combined fields of International Human Rights, International Security Studies, and International Conflict Resolution; MALD Thesis: "People Power for Peace: Nonviolent Direct Action in Sri Lanka"
  - \*Student Director, 2001-02 *Fletcher Colloquium on Strategic Nonviolent Action*
  - \* PhD candidate
- **Bir Zeit University:** Bir Zeit, West Bank, Palestine (summer 2003)
  - \*Intensive study of colloquial and standard Arabic
  - \*Conducted research on Israeli-Palestinian nonviolent direct action during first and second intifadas
- **Rheinische Friederich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn:** Bonn, Germany (1999-2000)
  - \*Researched German foreign policy/European integration
  - \*Organized negotiation seminar on Kosovar right to self-determination
- **Institut d'Etudes Politiques - Université Robert Schumann:** Strasbourg, France (1997-8)
  - \*Awarded Certificat d'Etudes Européennes (CEE), mention Bien
- **Boston College:** Chestnut Hill, MA (1995-1999)
  - \*B.A. Political Science, May 1999; Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

## **AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS**

- **2003-04 Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA) Pre-doctoral Fellowship**  
Fellow in International Security Program and WPF Program on Intrastate Conflict, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution
- **2003 Dwight D. Eisenhower Fellowship**  
Graduate fellowship to pursue dissertation research in the field of public policy and international security
- **2002 Amnesty International – USA Patrick Stewart Scholarship**  
Competitive national scholarship for 3-month human rights-related project overseas
- **2000-01 Slawson-Interaction Fellow**  
Award sponsoring summer internship with an overseas development NGO
- **2000-01 DACOR Bacon House Foundation Fellowship**  
Graduate fellowship for international study awarded by U.S. diplomatic establishment to one Fletcher student each year
- **1999 J. William Fulbright Scholar**  
Conducted research on post-Cold War German foreign policy and European integration in Bonn, Germany
- **1998 Harry S. Truman Scholar**  
National Scholarship worth \$30,000; selection based on outstanding leadership performance, academic excellence and a demonstrated commitment to public service

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

### **6/02-9/02 Soldiers' Mothers of St. Petersburg human rights organization; St. Petersburg, Russia**

- Interviewed deserters from the Russian military; accompanied organization on human rights monitoring trips
- Prepared proposal to obtain special UN grant to assist victims of torture within the Russian military

### **6/01-9/01 National Peace Council of Sri Lanka: Colombo, Sri Lanka**

- Helped NGO staff prepare grassroots anti-war campaigns and peacebuilding initiatives
- Wrote articles for the Sri Lankan national press on civil society involvement in the peace process
- Interviewed Sinhalese, Muslim, and Tamil refugees in border villages

### **6/00-9/00 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium**

#### **Political Affairs Division - Multilateral and Regional Affairs Section**

- Tasked with NATO-EU and NATO-Russia portfolios: Drafted official memoranda following meetings of the North Atlantic Council (NAC), Permanent NATO-Russia Joint Council (PJC), and Political Committee (PC) for the NATO Sec. Gen.
- Wrote article: *Bringing the NATO-EU Houses Together to Achieve a Common European Defense Community*

### **6/99-9/99 United States Department of Defense: Washington, D.C.**

- Served as Special Assistant to the Director of European/NATO Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)
- Prepared briefings on OSD's Southeast Europe Defense Ministerial (SEDM) initiative and NATO Defense Capabilities Initiative (DCI); member of American delegation to July 1999 SEDM regional meeting in Athens, Greece
- Prepared presentation circulated in OSD: *Post-Kosovo Security Dialogue with European Partners*

#### **PAPERS/ PUBLICATIONS:**

- “The Case for Peacekeeping in the Occupied Territories,” *International Peacekeeping* (Forthcoming)
- “People Power in the Holy Land? How Nonviolent Struggle Could Transform the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”, *Journal for Public and International Affairs*, Vol. 14/ Spring 2003. (Can be accessed on-line at: <http://www.princeton.edu/~jpia/pdf2003/Ch%209%20People-Stephan-JPIA%202003.pdf>)
- “Soldiers’ Mothers and Russia’s Two Wars in Chechnya,” Unpublished paper presented at an international conference about the Soldiers’ Mothers movement in Russia at the Royal Military Academy of Belgium, December 2001.
- “Voices from the Border Villages,” *The Sunday Leader*, (Sri Lankan national newspaper), August 26, 2001.
- “Civil Society Lacks Overall Strategy,” *Daily News*, (Sri Lankan national newspaper), July 17, 2001.

#### **LANGUAGES:**

- **English** (Native language), **French** (Fluent), **German** (Fluent), **Russian** (Intermediate level), **Arabic** (basic knowledge)