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SUMMARY

- Internationally recognized academic, journalist, teacher, consultant, editor, author
- Luxembourg Peace Prize laureate (2020)
- Founding director of the Center for Global Peace Journalism at Park University
- Organize/teach peace journalism courses, workshops, and seminars worldwide.\*
- Two-time J. William Fulbright Scholar (Moldova 2001, Azerbaijan 2007)
- State Dept. Senior Subject Specialist in Peace Journalism (Ethiopia, 2018)
- Author (“Peace Journalism: Principles and Practice”- 2016, “Professor Komagum”-2012), editor (“The Peace Journalist” magazine), writer (“Peace Journalism Insights,” etc.)
- Multiple grant recipient—U.S. State Department (\$460,000 since 2009), others funders.
- Co-organizer, annual Greater Kansas City Peacebuilding Conference

\* *Austria, Cameroon, Rep. of Georgia, Kuwait, Ireland, Colombia, South Sudan, Cyprus, Lebanon, Kashmir/India, United States, Sierra Leone, Azerbaijan, France, Jordan, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, South Africa, Costa Rica, Turkey, Northern Ireland, and Uganda. (Zoom: Sudan, Yemen, Luxembourg)*

STATE DEPARTMENT SENIOR SPECIALIST; FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

**U.S. State Dept. Senior Subject Specialist in Peace Journalism**—Ethiopia, 2018. The State Department and U.S. Embassy Addis Ababa created this special program to bring me to Ethiopia for a semester to present seminars for journalists, teach at Gondar University, help secondary school students create their first school newspaper, etc.

**J. William Fulbright Scholar**--Azerbaijan, 2007. Taught at Baku State University; Launched and advised high school newspaper; weekly Azerbaijani newspaper columnist.

**J. William Fulbright Scholar**--Moldova, 2001. Taught at Moldova State University; Taught seminars for Independent Journalism Center; Advised newspaper and taught at high school; Weekly Moldovan newspaper columnist.

AWARDS/HONORS

**Luxembourg Peace Prize laureate**—May, 2020—Awarded for “outstanding efforts and initiatives to promote peace” by the World Forum for Peace and the Schengen Peace Foundation.

**Top 50 Journalism Blog/Website**- The *Peace Journalism Insights* blog was listed as a top 50 blog/website for journalists (alongside the *NY Times* and Harvard’s Nieman Center) by Feedspot.

**Excellence in Teaching Award**—April, 2015. As selected by Sigma Alpha Pi honor’s students at Park University.

**U.S. State Department Alumni of the Month**—Aug, 2012. Given for “his dedication to the pursuit of a more peaceful world through peace journalism and international education.”

**World Citizen of the Year**—Oct, 2012. Given by the United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City, and presented by KC Mayor Sly James.

**ACE Internationalization Advisory Board**--2010-2013. Appointed by American Council on Education to three year term on board advising internationalization collaborative.

**Dusing-Proudfoot Award**—April, 2010. Given for service to Park University students.

#### SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED/TAUGHT

**Introduction to Peace Journalism**- Four Zoom seminars for 80 Indian/Pakistani journalists—October, 2020. Project sponsored by East-West Center/US Dept. of State.

**Peace Journalism in Sudan**- Three day workshop on Zoom—July, 2020. On this U.S. Embassy sponsored event, I taught 255 Sudanese journalists from throughout Sudan the basics of PJ.

**Peace and Reconciliation Journalism project**- Belfast, Derry, and Coleraine, Northern Ireland—May 2019, October 2019, March 2020. On this U.S. Embassy-London grant, I taught journalist at workshops at Queen’s University-Belfast and Ulster University-Derry. I gave two public lectures on the topic, “Is Ethical Journalism Possible,” and co-sponsored and taught at a trauma reporting workshop at Belfast Metropolitan University.

**Peace Journalism Lectures/Workshops-U.S. State Dept. Speaker and Specialist Program**- Jimma and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 2017. I taught and lectured at two universities and gave public presentations as well, including one that was streamed live to 19,000 viewers.

**Peace Journalism Seminars/Lectures**, six cities in Cameroon, July 2017 and July 2018. Over a two week period in 2017, I gave three workshops for journalists and delivered lectures to community groups and NGO’s. In 2018, I gave three additional seminars, and met with journalists in media houses. Sponsored by the Fredrick Ebert Foundation, the Cameroon Community Media Network, and the U.S. Embassy-Yaounde,

**Regional Peace Journalism Conference**-Kisumu, Kenya, March 2017. I taught two sessions at the conference (Peace Journalism Fundamentals and PJ: Next Steps), and served as the external consultant to the conference sponsored by Rongo Univ. and the African Peacebuilding Network.

**Peace Journalism and Health Reporting**—Freetown, Sierra Leone, November 2016. Meeting with 30 journalists, we discussed the basics of peace journalism and their own reporting on the Ebola crisis.

**Reporting Syrian Refugees Using Peace Journalism**—Germany/Austria, May/June, 2016. I lectured on peace journalism at four universities in Germany (Bundeswehr; Ludwig Maximilian) and Austria (University of Salzburg, University of Klagenfurt), and met with professional journalists in Salzburg.

**Workshops: Peace and Reconciliation Journalism**—Juba, South Sudan, May 2016. Working cooperatively with the media association of South Sudan, I taught two peace journalism seminars for professional radio journalists. The project was sponsored by USAID/VISTAS.

**Visiting Professor/Peace Journalism Short Course**—University for Peace, Costa Rica, February, 2015. I taught PJ to graduate students in the media/peace concentration.

**Reporting Syrian Refugees—Building Communities of Understanding**—Adana, Malatya, and Istanbul, Turkey. January 2015, May 2015, and November, 2015. I conceived, coordinated, and taught peace journalism seminars for Turkish students and professional journalists about how to responsibly report about refugees. The project was sponsored by the US Consulate-Istanbul and the US State Department.

**Reporting Kashmir: Building Bridges with Peace Journalism**—Awantipora, Indian-controlled Kashmir. July, 2015. I taught workshops for students at the Islamic University of Science and Technology and for local journalists and academics.

**Peace Journalism Project**—Kuwait City, Kuwait. May 2015. As a State Dept. Speaker/Specialist, I taught workshops in conjunction with the Arab Media Forum, and lectured at the Red Crescent Society and Kuwait Society for Human Rights.

**Peace and Reconciliation Journalism**--Rongo, Kenya. October, 2014. Working cooperatively with Rongo University, I taught peace journalism seminars for professional journalists and delivered lectures to undergraduates.

**Peace Journalism Projects**-- Bronx, NY. July 2014, June 2013, October, 2012. I taught peace journalism seminars for students/interns at BronxNet TV and Lehman College. I also taught seminars for public access television producers. The 2014 session centered on responsible reporting about immigrants.

**Peace Journalism Project**--Cyprus, March, 2014. I lectured at Eastern Mediterranean University (Turkish north Cyprus) and delivered a workshop, “Peace Journalism and Migration” at the Cyprus Community Media Centre in the buffer zone in Nicosia.

**Peace Journalism, Advanced Peace Journalism seminars**--Beirut, Lebanon, May, 2013. I taught two seminars and workshops for professional journalists and students in conjunction with the Media Association for Peace and MasterPeace-Lebanon.

**Peace Media and Counterterrorism: Establishing Collaborative Frameworks to Prevent Violent Extremism**--Uganda. December, 2011-October, 2012. I worked with media, security officials, government leaders, and others in Uganda on this unique project that utilized media as a counterterrorism tool. The project was supported with a U.S. State Department grant.

**Peace, Development, and Electoral Journalism Project**--Uganda, 2010-2011. I developed, organized, oversaw, and taught a comprehensive Peace Journalism project for radio journalists and managers in Uganda. I taught 29 seminars across the country. Our goal, which was successfully met: the prevention of media induced or exacerbated violence during the February, 2011 Ugandan presidential election. U.S. State Department/USAID grants supported the project.

#### CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

**Gandhi, The First Peace Journalist.** August, 2019. I organized a conference that brought Prof. Raj Gandhi, scholar and Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, to Kansas City for a series of events at Park University and a local community college.

**Co-organizer of annual peacebuilding conference**—2014-present. The conference is held in cooperation with Johnson County (KS) Community College and Avila University (MO). I have given the keynote address ("Should Joseph Kony Be Forgiven?"-October, 2014), and presented annual breakout sessions and plenary speeches ("What is peacebuilding?"-October 2017; "Peacebuilding: Measuring the Unmeasurable?"-October 2018; "What Are Human Rights?"-November 2019), "Media Narratives: Impeding Social Justice?" (Sept. 2020).

#### BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Peace Journalism Principles and Practices: Responsibly Reporting Conflicts, Reconciliation, and Solutions-** (Routledge Publishing/Taylor and Francis Books, November, 2016). This is the first U.S. published peace journalism textbook. It includes chapters on PJ and covering war, racial issues, civic unrest, crime, terrorism, and reconciliation.

**Book chapters**--"Afterword: Challenges and Opportunities," *Journalism-A Peacekeeping Agent*, Brill Publishing, 2018; "The Peace Journalism Approach" and "Afterword," *Africa Peace Journalism: A Manual for Media Practitioners*, Africa Peacebuilding Network/Routledge Publishing, 2019; "Peace Journalism," *It's Just Good Journalism*, Lang, 2020.

**The Peace Journalist magazine-** Semi-annual editions- April 2012-present. I edit and design and write articles for this magazine, which is published by the Center for Global Peace Journalism at Park University and distributed worldwide.

**Professor Komagum: Teaching peace journalism and battling insanity in Uganda—** (Unlimited Publishing LLC, published Dec. 2012). “Professor Komagum” is a book detailing my efforts teaching peace journalism in Uganda, as well as my various misadventures living and working there in 2010-2011.

**Peace Journalism Insights blog—**2009-present. I write regularly about responsible journalism. My blogs are regularly picked up and published in online (ivoh.org) and print (Kansas City Star) outlets. (See: <http://stevenyoungblood.blogspot.com> )

### SPEECHES/KEYNOTES

**Panelist/speaker-**World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, France—“Disinformation, Democracy, and the Peace Journalism Solution.” Presented November, 2019 at the Council of Europe.

**Speaker-Conference:** Gandhi, The First Peace Journalist. “Was Gandhi a Peace Journalist?” Presented August, 2019 at Park University.

**Keynote speaker-**Fulbright Association of Colombia—“Peace Journalism-A Tool for Post-Conflict Reconciliation.” Delivered April, 2017 at Universidad National de Colombia in Arauca, Colombia.

**Public Lecture-**National Archives/Kansas City branch—“First Amendment Under Fire.” January, 2017.

**Keynote speaker-**Greater Kansas City Writing Center—“Finding a Voice for Peace.” Delivered to 150-200 attendees, August, 2016.

**Distinguished visiting scholar keynote speech-**“Peace Journalism: An Introduction” and “Reporting Refugees and Migrants”—Johnson County Community College (KS), April, 2016.

**Featured speaker--** “Reporting Syrian Refugees”—University for Peace (UN), Costa Rica, April 2015.

**Keynote Speech--** “Peace Journalism in East Africa?”—February, 2015. Global Forum: East Africa, Maricopa Community Colleges, Tempe, Arizona.

**Keynote Speech--** “The Ethics of Peace Journalism: Serving a Higher Calling.” Media Days, California State University-San Marcos, April 2013.

**Featured plenary speaker**-- “The Peace Movement and Social Media”, “Peace Journalism”. Fulbright Association Generation Next Conference, Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan, May 2013.

**Commencement speaker**--Park University, Parkville, Missouri, December, 2011.  
Title: “Inciting Peace”. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qThW6XTfysU>

#### STATE DEPARTMENT GRANT REVIEWER

**Grant Reviewer**-March 2016-January 2018. Reviewed/assessed grant administered by the U.S. Embassy-Pakistan titled, “Strengthening US and Pakistani Faculty Connections.” I created assessments and wrote quarterly reports about the grant, which connects faculty at Johnson County Community College (KS) with Sukkur IBA University in Pakistan.

#### TEACHING/PARK UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

**Associate Professor of Communication**—1997-Present. Teach classes: Peace Journalism, Intro to Peace Studies, Strategic Peacebuilding, Radio Production, TV Production, Radio Practicum, TV Practicum, Reporting II, Senior Project in Communication Arts, Public Speaking, Introduction to Electronic Communication, Public Relations, Media and Criminal Justice

**Sponsor/advisor**—Rotaract—2019-present; Model United Nations team—2005-2010; KGSP 90.3 FM; General Manager, Park University TV/Northland News—1997-2016.

**Faculty Coordinator for Internationalization**—Jan.2014-May 2017. I worked with faculty to internationalize courses, worked with the university to internationalize core learning outcomes, created co-curricular international opportunities, and was liaison to ACE.

**Leadership**--Elected President of Park University Faculty Federation (union) in 2002-03 and 2003-04 school years. Helped to plan and negotiate Park’s new faculty senate, as well as other issues of importance. Elected to Park Faculty Senate executive committee-2009-2010 (secretary) and 2003-04 academic years; Elected to Park faculty federation executive board 2011-15.

**Curriculum development 2005-present**—Global Certificate in Communication; new Peace Journalism minor; Developed and spearheaded adoption of new Global Studies minor; Developed peace studies curriculum/minor.

#### EDUCATION

1994-1996--**MS-Education, Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS (Coursework for this master’s program was held in Kansas City). GPA: 4.0 Overall. Coursework: Educational curriculum and instruction, multicultural education.

1985-1986--**Teaching Certificate, University of Missouri-Kansas City, KC, MO**

GPA: 3.95 Overall. Coursework: Educational theory and psychology, teaching practicum and student teaching

1979-1983--**BS-Broadcast News-University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS**

GPA: 3.45 Overall. Coursework: Reporting and broadcasting courses, 21 hours of political science, psychology and sociology. Honors: Dean's list, Journalism Honorary Society

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH/SERVICE

**Host family to international students**—2001-Present. We have hosted Park University international students from Syria, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Uganda, Tanzania, etc. since 2001. Five of these students have lived with us at one point.

**Rotary District 6040 Peacebuilding Ambassador**—Outreach to clubs in district (northern half of Missouri); resource person for international projects; represent district at conferences.