**Katie DeRosa**

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Professional Achievements and Education

* 2015 recipient of Rotary International Global Grants scholarship to fund masters degree
* 2013 winner of Amnesty International Canada Media Awards, local news category
* 2013 finalist for the Canadian Hillman Prize recognizing journalism for the common good
* 2012 inaugural recipient of the R. James Travers Foreign Corresponding Fellowship
* 2011 Jack Webster award winner for Best Print Reporting for feature on police oversight
* 2011 Jack Webster award nominee for Best Print Reporting for a four-part series on regional policing, completed as a team with five other Times Colonist reporters

**Msc International Migration and Public Policy** September 2015 to September 2016

London School of Economics London, UK

**Bachelor of Journalism and Law** September 2004 to April 2008

Carleton University Ottawa, Ontario

* Dean’s list student, graduated with highest honours, 2008
* Marjorie Nichols Memorial award recipient for exceptional promise as a journalist, 2008

Media Experience

**Reporter** December 2008 to September 2015

Victoria Times Colonist Victoria, British Columbia

* Strong focus on investigative journalism, human rights, social justice issues and analysis of complex or underreported stories with a national or international angle
* While reporting on human smuggling series for Travers Fellowship, showed ability to handle a major project overseas; Gained access to often restricted areas such as Australia’s immigration detention centers, secured key interviews and presenting it to readers in an in-depth and informative package with engaging multimedia and social media content
* During the news gathering process, kept readers engaged through regular updates on Twitter
* Consistently complemented print stories with engaging online videos or multimedia features
* Developed a level of trust with people from marginalized or vulnerable communities, such as refugees, the homeless or people struggling with mental health issues, in order to tell their story in a compassionate way, while ensuring not to re-traumatize them with my questions
* Focused on giving a voice to the voiceless and holding governments and authorities accountable for failings that caused people to fall through the cracks in the system
* Promoted human rights based stories in interviews with other media outlets such as CBC radio, Global News and other major broadcasters

**Internships**

CBS News London July to August 2013

Reporting intern/production assistant London, England

* Assisted in planning, research and production of major international stories in the United Kingdom, European Union, Middle East and Africa
* Wrote headlines, filed breaking news stories to the web
* Monitored news from around the world, using iNews, ENPS to search wire copy
* Assisted in image selection, visual story outline and editing using Avid NewsCutter
* Scanned Twitter, social media and the web for developments on international stories

Volunteer Experience

**LSESU Amnesty International Society** January 2016 to March 2016

Blog writer London, UK

* Raised awareness about the society’s campaigns and events through engaging blog posts and opinion pieces, shared widely on social media
* Covered a variety of human rights issues, including refugee issues, GLBTQI asylum seekers, privacy rights, in an informed, heavily researched and impassioned manner

**Breaking Barriers, London-based NGO** December 2015 to present

Volunteer London, UK

* Helped launch Refugees of London, a social media project aimed at humanizing refugees in London and showing their diverse identities beyond the label of “refugee”
* Conducted interviews with refugees in a sensitive manner in order to share their story on social media, such as Facebook and Twitter
* Worked with a team of volunteers to come up with ideas to best promote the project

**Victoria Street Soccer** March 2011 to August 2012

Founder and head coach Victoria, British Columbia

* Started a non-profit soccer team for street people, including the homeless, people in transition housing or the hard-to-house, youth at risk or people with addictions/mental illness
* Recruited players, travelled with team to tournaments, organized well-attended community events, acted as the media liaison, promoting the team in TV, radio, print and online
* Organized fundraisers, securing donations to send a player to the Homeless World Cup
* Built and managed the website and social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and Flickr

**Help Without Frontiers, NGO working with Burmese refugees** February 2013 to April 2013
Volunteer English and journalism teacher Mae Sot, Thailand

* Revamped the social media strategy and website news content for the non-profit organization working with Burmese refugees and migrant children.
* Wrote press releases and updated the website quickly following a fatal school bus crash
* Organized a major benefit concert to raise money for children injured in the crash
* Taught English, journalism and documentary film-making to a class of Burmese migrant youth, using my proficiency with Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premier and Photoshop