

SAVO HELETA



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EDUCATION Undergraduate

Saint John's University, Minnesota, United States (2002-2006)
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (Spring 2005)

Degrees: History and Business Management

GPA: 3.46 out of 4.0

Honors: Whalen Family Foundation four-year scholarship; Dean's List (Spring 2004, Spring 2005)

Postgraduate

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (2007-2009)

Degree: Magister Philosophiae in Conflict Transformation and Management (Cum Laude)

GPA: 79 (75 and above in South Africa is equivalent to an A in the United States)

Honors: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University postgraduate research scholarship 2008; Passed 8 out of 10 subjects with distinction

PhD

Currently working on a PhD in Development Studies at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Focusing on Post-Conflict Development and Reconstruction in South Sudan.

EXPERIENCE Journal Article

August 2009

Published a study in collaboration with Dr. Lyn Snodgrass titled "Teachers' experiences of conflict and violence in township schools: A case study of Walmer-Gqebera, South Africa" in Commonwealth Youth and Development journal, Volume 7, No. 2, 2009.

Book – "Not My Turn to Die: Memoirs of a Broken Childhood in Bosnia"

March 2008

Published a book based on the personal experience during the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ISBN: 978-0-8144-0165-1. Publisher AMACOM Books, New York, March 2008.

Writing for Newspapers and Online Media

Since May 2007

Wrote and published articles, commentaries, and analyses on the current situation in Sudan, Darfur, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and other topics in newspapers and magazines such as the Sudan Tribune, Port Elizabeth Herald, Pambazuka News, Africa News, Blogcritics Magazine, allAfrica.com, Newropeans Magazine, Global Politician, Middle East Online, Human Rights Tribune, Islam Online, and the Jerusalem Post. The articles can be accessed at www.savohelata.com (news section).

**College of St. Benedict/St. John's University International Student Office,
St Joseph, Minnesota**

May 2003–May 2006

International Student Consultant – Guided international students in their integration process in the United States. Planned and organized cross-cultural activities. Provided information on immigration and career issues. Dealt with confidential information. Worked with over 250 students from 40 countries.

TASS, LLC–Mutual Fund Outsourcing Solutions, Minneapolis, Minnesota

June–August 2005

Trade Service Representative – Internship – Serviced clients accounts ensuring that the orders were received and executed on time; updated company's databases to comply with legal requests by the New York Stock Exchange.

The Whalen Family Foundation/NGO "Nesto Vise," Bosnia and Herzegovina

May 2000–June 2002

Trainer/Coordinator – Trained groups of young people from Bosnia, participants in the PeaceTrails Youth Leadership Program designed to help youth to become leaders in their communities. Taught project development and proposal writing; supervised project implementation and financial reporting. Member of a team which managed a \$400,000 annual budget and interviewed over 250 people to select participants. Worked directly with 100 participants.

Employment Agency, Srpsko Gorazde, Bosnia and Herzegovina

June 1998–October 1999

Manager – Created employment agency for youth. Contacted companies to find open part-time and full-time jobs. Recruited and placed over 300 people and prepared agency's financial reports.

Radio Station "SRG," Srpsko Gorazde, Bosnia and Herzegovina

January 1996–May 1998

Radio Producer – Prepared equipment and audio elements for broadcast. Created and recorded shows and commercials. Organized 4 hours of live programming six days a week.

Volunteer for Non-profit Organizations, Bosnia and Herzegovina

1998–2002

Planned projects, wrote proposals, and personally raised \$30,000 from the UN Development Program, CARE, and The Whalen Family Foundation. Implemented projects: youth camps, educational workshops, and peace conferences for youth from Bosnia, Serbia, and Croatia. Attended over 50 educational conferences and workshops on leadership, non-violence, peace development, proposal writing, fundraising, and project implementation.

LANGUAGES English and Serbian

INTERESTS Long-distance running, swimming, reading, writing, web design, and blogging.