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WORK EXPERIENCE

Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria, Washington, D.C.

President & CEO

President & CEO of the leading organization advocating for robust U.S. support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and evidence-based policy to end these epidemics and advance global health equity. Manage communications, policy and lobby teams. Work closely with the Biden Administration, Members of Congress and staff, and the Global Fund Secretariat. (September 2016-present)

- Widely published in peer review and other publications on policy issues including the role of disease-focused programming in broader health priorities
- Hosted highly successful bipartisan Congressional awards events ([2022](#), [2024](#))
- Elevated by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to play global leadership role in Friends network reaching donors in Europe and Japan, as well as U.S.
- Built effective partnerships with the private sector and faith communities
- Recruited exceptional talent to organization [board](#) and [staff](#)

UNAIDS, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Geneva, Switzerland

Chief, Community Mobilization Division (Director-level appointment)

Director of division promoting global advocacy to achieve ambitious HIV treatment and prevention targets. Responsible for management of global initiatives: “All In” adolescent platform, “H4+” initiative on women’s and children’s health, civil society advocacy, and faith-based responses. (May 2014 – August 2016)

- Markedly improved agency communication and engagement with civil society
- Oversaw management of \$21 million in funding for civil society organizations
- Brought new attention to the [need to invest in community advocacy and services](#)

amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research, Washington, DC

Vice President and Director, Public Policy

Managed amfAR's Washington, DC office, formulated and implemented organization's policy agenda and oversaw amfAR's GMT Initiative, an international grantmaking program. Frequent source to national media. (April 2009 – April 2014)

- Authored [analysis in Health Affairs](#) that helped protect global AIDS financing in the Administration's budget request and the US Congress
- Primary role in creation and design of the first US National HIV/ AIDS Strategy
- Mobilized new resources from numerous philanthropic organizations
- Reformed amfAR's GMT Initiative to increase focus on concrete outcomes

Health policy and communications, New York, NY

Independent Consultant

Domestic and global policy development, strategic planning, communications, and management of advocacy and accountability campaigns. (February 2004 – March 2009)
Clients included:

- **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation:** Advisor on HIV/ AIDS policy; secretariat for Global HIV Prevention Working Group
- **International Treatment Preparedness Coalition:** Created and managed internationally recognized series of global accountability reports on government and multilateral programming
- **Funders Concerned about AIDS:** Researched and authored annual report on the state of philanthropic funding for AIDS
- **Other clients included:** AVAC, Black AIDS Institute, International Partnership for Microbicides, IAVI, WHO, and UNAIDS

AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention, New York, NY

Executive Director

Managed globally influential education and advocacy organization. Led development of publications, ran advocacy efforts, analyzed public policy and industry research, and supervised staff and contractors. Major funders included The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Ford Foundation and the World Health Organization. (February 2002 – January 2004)

- Co-founder of organization in 1995
- Brought in new funders and expanded size and reach of organization

- Major source for media on results of the first AIDS vaccine efficacy trial and other issues

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government

Master of Public Policy, June 1989

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. English, December 1983

Phi Beta Kappa and Highest Honors in English

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Member of the board, Friends of the Global Fight, 2020, and Global Fund Advocates Network, 2021
- Thomas M. Kelley Leadership Award, Project Inform, 2010
- United States Delegation to the United Nations High Level Meeting on HIV/ AIDS, 2011 and 2021
- Conference Coordinating Committee, International AIDS Conference, 2012 and 2016
- Agency for Health Care Policy Research Fellowship, 1997-98
- Outstanding Performance Award, UCSF Department of Medicine, 1997