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*Currently a freelance editor/journalist and private English teacher,
seeking full-time employment in Calgary's journalism community.*

Education and Employment History (by relevance)

- Graduated with honours from SAIT's Journalism Arts diploma program, May 2007
- Graduated from the University of Calgary with a BA in Political Science, June 2003

Photographer and communications assistant: *Medical Mercy Canada Society*, August 2008 – March 2010. Accompanied this Calgary-based aid organization to Burma's border areas in 2009 and 2010, as the NGO's documentarian and an independent reporter. Editor of the biannual newsletter and MMC representative to the Fig Tree Foundation. Also assisted with communications and maintaining the donor database. Medical Mercy delivers aid and medical training to Burma's ethnic minorities, as well as to Nepal, Sri Lanka and Ukraine. *Reference Dr. Amy Gausvik, (403) 466-0448 agausvik@gmail.com*

Assistant Campaign Co-ordinator: *The Salvation Army*, September 2009 – January 2010. Responsible as assistant coordinator for the 2009 Christmas fundraising campaign for designing promotional material, hiring and liaising with musicians and securing venues for fundraising performances, organizing the Merry Mile parade, coordinating the Kettle at Work program with over 100 local businesses, and organizing the campaign volunteer appreciation party. *Reference Jessica Wallace, Development Officer, (403) 410-1123, jessica_wallace@can.salvationarmy.org*

Photographer: *Mary A. Tidlund Foundation*, August 2008 – January 2009. Photographer and videographer for the Tidlund Foundation at its aid projects in Kenya and Tanzania in November 2008. Co-scripted a short documentary about the foundation's projects in Nepal and NW India. The Tidlund Foundation operates education and health projects for women and children in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Canadian Native reserves. *Reference Mary Tidlund (403) 688-5560, info@tidlundfoundation.com*

Assistant Editor: *Alberta Views Magazine*, April 2007 – November 2008. Wrote full-length features, researched and compiled monthly departments such as Arts Picks, Eye on Alberta, Citizen Action, By the Numbers and The Guide. Reviewed freelancers' story proposals, edited articles for content, grammar, and format. Regularly photographed multiple subjects, including cover photos. Participated in editorial meetings and acted as a magazine spokesperson with co-workers at events in which *Alberta Views* had an official presence. *References Evan Osenton (Editor) eosenton@albertaviews.ca, Steve Arthur (Art Director) sarthur@albertaviews.ca, (403) 243-3554*

Digital Graphics Artist and Typesetter: *Unicom Graphics*, June 2005 – April 2007. Assigned with designing and typesetting text and graphics with Adobe Creative Suite, Quark XPress, and Microsoft Office programs on Macintosh and PC operating systems. Also responsible for adjusting photographs to press standards, proof-reading other operators' work and retrieving files from backup servers and FTPs. *References Heather Beatty, Nola Ricardson (403) 287-2020*

Practicum – Reporter: *Calgary Herald*, October & November 2006. Worked as a reporter for the City and Region section of this daily newspaper. Pitched story ideas, conducted interviews and research, scheduled photos, wrote and edited stories on a daily basis.

Reference Dan Healing (City Section Editor) (403) 235-7316, dhealing@calgaryherald.com

Assistant to Resource Development: *Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter*, February – June 2005.

Designed graphics and layout for the shelter's annual report and event programs. Solicited corporations for charitable donations, assisted in organizing major fund raising dinner and silent auction events. Also responsible for reception duties, such as answering phones, filing, taking minutes, data entry, general clerical work, and maintaining records. Used Microsoft Office, Quark XPress and Adobe Suite programs.

Reference Mary Ann Sanderson (403) 226-1610

English Teacher: *Horizon International Education Centre*, March-May 2010, in Rangoon, Burma.

Taught Grade 1 English, incorporating age-appropriate games, songs and learning activities to the lessons, which were based around the MacMillain curriculum.

Reference Muhtor Adashev, English Program Director, bierecruitment@gmail.com

Publication History (photography, writing and public relations)

- *Acreage Life*
- *Business In Calgary*
- *Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter*
- *Canadian Press*
- *Creative Verse 2*
- *Fast Forward Weekly*
- *Human Resources Reporter*
- *Mary A. Tidlund Charitable Foundation*
- *Nanton News*
- *Peace River Oil*
- *Unicom Graphics*
- *The Western Producer*
- *Alberta Views*
- *Calgary Herald*
- *Canadian Hereford Digest*
- *Canadian Rockies Colourguide*
- *Expressions*
- *Horses All*
- *Kickstart*
- *Medical Mercy Canada Society*
- *NoD*
- *Riverbend Review*
- *Verge Travel*

Additional references

Jim Cunningham (403) 284-8126 jim.cunningham@sait.ca (journalism instructor)

Awil Hashi (403) 660-0562 awil2000@gmail.com (co-author)

Chester Emery (403) 843-3595 emhuny@gmail.com (MMC associate in Burma, 2009 & 2010)