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PROFILE

Postgraduate in 'Documentary & Features' and 'Neuroscience' looking for entry-level field assistant or research positions. Can easily adapt to new situations, and has previously lived in Sweden, Switzerland, USA, Mexico, Singapore, and Scotland. Especially interested in science and nature programmes that have a positive impact on people and the environment.

SKILLS

- **Camerawork:** Experience on the Sony PMW, the Panasonic AF101, DSLR's and GoPro's.
- **Editing:** Experienced in AVID and proficient in Premiere Pro and Final Cut Pro.
- **Sound:** Proficient in Audition and ProTools.
- **Experience with other Broadcast Equipment:** 522 Mixer, Tascam, Radio Mics, Dedo, Diva, and Arri Lights, Spider Dolly, Jib, SteadyCam.

EXPERIENCE

Mar 14 – Present **DOCUMENTARY: DEATH ABROAD YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

Producer/Director, Camera Operator, Editor (AVID)

A 30-minute film about the lack of support UK citizens receive when a loved one dies abroad, and how one mother took it upon herself to change this.

Jun 14 **DOCUMENTARY: RESTLESS SPIRITS**

Camera Operator

A 15-minute film about the lives of two ghost hunters.

May 14 **HOME-START BRISTOL FILMS**

Sound Recordist, Camera Operator

Two 3-minute videos to help the charity "Home-Start" recruit volunteers and gain funding.

Apr 14 **UWE PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**

Producer/Director, Co-editor (Premiere Pro)

A 3-minute promotional video to promote UWE's English Language course.

Feb 14 **UWE CHINESE NEW YEAR VIDEO**

Co-Producer/Director, Sound Recordist, and Co-Editor (Premiere Pro)

A 2 minute fast-turnaround video with two days filming and only a 1-day edit.

EDUCATION

Sep 03 – Sep 04 **UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)** Bristol, UK
BBC partnered 'Documentary and Features' Masters degree.

Sep 09 – Jul 13 **UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS** St. Andrews, UK
Honours BSc Neuroscience degree with dissertation "A New Approach to the Investigation of the Mechanism of Animal Magnetoreception".

OTHER WORK

- 17 - 24 Oct 14 **WILDSCREEN FILM FESTIVAL** Bristol
I volunteered at Wildscreen, assisting delegates at the information desk.
- 20, 21st Mar 14 **IDOCS** Watershed, Bristol
I helped in the running of the Interactive Documentary Symposium, welcoming delegates at the registration and information desk.
- Jun – Aug 12 **MSD – MERCK SHARP & DOHME INTERNATIONAL** Lucerne, Switzerland
I undertook various research projects at the pharmaceutical company.
- Jul – Aug 10 & 11 **TJÖRNS KOMMUN** Tjörn, Sweden
I worked as a swimming instructor for children from the ages of 2 to 14.
- Aug – Sept 10 **ONE HEART SOURCE** Arusha, Tanzania
I lived with a Maasai tribe, helped build on and around the *OneHeartSource* children's home, tutored children, and taught HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in schools and in the community.

OTHER SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

- Fluent in English and Swedish, and proficient in Spanish and German.
- PADI certified as an Advanced Open Water Diver – dry and wet suit.
- An avid rock climber, able to belay and climb proficiently.
- I have spent weeks camping and climbing in the Swedish and Swiss mountains.
- A competitive swimmer and water polo player.
- Inshore Yachtmaster Diploma - I can master a yacht up to 12x4 meters.
- Scientific Diving training: I conducted underwater research, culminating in a paper arguing that cleaner shrimp don't compete against cleaner wrasse for clients.

REFERENCES

Tim Tarrant, Head of MA Documentary and Features at UWE, tim.Tarrant@uwe.ac.uk

Sacha Mirzoeff, Producer/Director at BBC, sacha.Mirzoeff@bbc.co.uk