

MARY BOWERS

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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, New York, N.Y. Full-time student
M.S. Journalism.

Honours Student, Fall Semester, graduated May 2008.

Specialism: Human Rights Reporting, Arts Reporting, Photojournalism.

University Of Cambridge, UK, Queens' College

B.A. History, 2.i., graduated June 2007.

Specialism: Western/Third World Relations/Women's history.

Covent of Jesus and Mary High School, Harlesden

4 'A' Levels each grade A

10 GCSEs, each grade A*

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Columbia University O'Hara-Forster Scholar in Journalism, 2007-8

Varsity Trust Scholar, 2007

Guardian Student Media Award for Best Production on *Varsity*, 2007.

EXPERIENCE

Editor-in-Chief, Designer and Production Manager, Arts Editor, Music Editor, *Varsity*, Cambridge University Student Newspaper: December 2005 – March 2007

I worked in various posts including editor in chief and president of the company board. Before this I was news and arts reporter, and had a regular opinion column. I redesigned and relaunched the paper in January 2007, for which I received a Guardian Student Media Award.

Columnist, *Cambridge Alumni Magazine*, UK: September 2007 – May 2008

I was asked to write the thrice-yearly *Student Life* column for CAM magazine, which is distributed to hundreds of thousands of Cambridge University alumni throughout the world.

Intern, *Cambridge Evening New*, UK: February 2007

I worked in administrative tasks, manning phones, taking public enquiries and writing News in Brief excerpts to deadline, I was also able to do some interviews and write several features.

Intern, *ArtReview Magazine*, London, UK: March 2007

Research and proof-reading.

Researcher, *The Guardian* newspaper, London, UK: April – August 2007

I organised and worked as senior researcher on a major nationwide survey of UK companies' maternity and paternity policies. I also conducted case study interviews to accompany the research.

News Reporter and Founding Editor, *The Brooklyn Ink*, October 2007 – January 2008

I co-founded, designed and reported local news for a web-based paper in Brooklyn, New York.

Reporter, Researcher and Assistant, *The Guardian* newspaper, New York Bureau: September 2007 – May 2008.

I worked as researcher and senior assistant to Bureau Chief. I also contributed some freelance reporting.

Assistant to Victor Navasky, Professor and adviser to *The Nation* January – May 2008

I organised the Delacorte lecture series, including talks by editors of Newsweek, Time and Slate. I wrote and distributed press releases, organised media events, and co-organised the launch of *The New York Review of Magazines*.

Researcher, *Slave Hunter*, Simon and Schuster, New York, Paris, London: May 2008 – September 2008

I worked as chief researcher on a ghost-written memoir of Aaron Cohen, a former L.A rock icon who became a "slave hunter": exposing and prosecuting slave rings in South East Asia, Latin America, Israel and Sudan. My research provided the social and political background of human trafficking in these countries. I produced comprehensive reports on each.

Assistant and Researcher, *The Times* Comment and Leaders Desks, June – September 2008

I spent the summer working on the comment desk at The Times as a temporary replacement for a researcher and assistant travelling abroad. I organised commissions, assisted in research, and contributed leaders.

News reporter, photographer and videographer, *Times of India*, September – December 2008

I spent three months in Delhi on a fixed employment programme producing both newspaper and online video documentary content, on various beats including business, development issues, arts, fashion and film.

Researcher, *The Times* Foreign News Desk, December 2008 –

I currently work part time in research: writing factboxes, assisting the graphics team, and contributing information as foreign correspondents require.

Night Editor, *The Times* Foreign News Desk, April 2009 –

I work overnight as editor: sub-editing pieces for each edition, dealing with breaking news, and commissioning pieces from correspondents.

Researcher, *The Observer* News Desk, May-June 2009

Managed a project researching a major nationwide survey on the use of child deterrents and anti-social behaviour policy towards teenagers. This was turned into a series of news reports on the criminalisation of young people.

VOLUNTEER WORK

March – July 2003

Worked for development charity *Tearfund* on an HIV/AIDS education programme for young people and adults in Lesotho, Southern Africa.

July 2002 – Present

Worked as a teacher and motivator for an annual residential summer school at Eton College, Windsor, which encourages teenagers from disadvantaged backgrounds to stay on to higher education

PUBLISHED WORK *Sky News, Technology Guardian and G2, The Observer, The Times of India, Economic Times, Cambridge Evening News, Broadway Magazine, The Brooklyn Ink, The Caravan, Varsity.*

SKILLS

Computer: proficient in use of Adobe Photoshop, Quark Express, Audacity audio editing, Logic Pro, Fatwire and Dreamweaver. Basic knowledge of Final Cut Pro, HTML and Flash.

Language: intermediate French (reading/writing/speaking),

INTERESTS:

Singing and playing guitar in a rock/indie band and working on several solo-side projects. Writing short fiction.

REFERENCES:

Ed Pilkington, New York Bureau Chief, *The Guardian*

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