

Caitlin Myles

Objective: Tackle social problems in experimental and disruptive ways through technology, building off of my research at the Oxford Internet Institute, my five years of professional experience in international development, and my hopeful yet critical view of international aid.

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Education

MSc Social Science of the Internet

University of Oxford (U.K.), 2014 (expected)

- Thesis title: "Crowd mapping sexual violence in Cairo: What change and for whom?"
- Relevant papers: "Should virtual work be promoted as a development intervention?" and "Impoliteness and incivility on Reddit and Twitter: The case of Anita Sarkeesian"
- Relevant coursework: Social Dynamics of the Internet; Internet Technologies and Regulation; Virtual Economies and Virtual Selves; Digital Social Research

MA Economics

University of Western Ontario (Canada), 2009

BSc Physics, International Development Studies

McGill University (Canada), 2007

Work Experience

2011-2013

Canada

Independent Consultant in Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Main client: International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
Agriculture and Food Security (AFS) program

- Adapted the monitoring and evaluation system that I created for the Think Tank Initiative (see below) for AFS.
 - Consolidated donor frameworks into a single simplified monitoring framework.
 - Created performance indicators and a monitoring questionnaire.
 - Managed external consultant adapting TTI's online database to AFS's needs.

2009-2011

Canada

Program Management Officer

International Development Research Centre
Think Tank Initiative (TTI) program

- Created the system for monitoring and evaluating the 48 TTI grantees.
 - Worked with 15 TTI team members on 4 continents to conceptualise the system, set performance indicators, and develop workflows.
 - Guided and supervised the external team that built the online database system.

2007-2008

Zanzibar,
Tanzania

Development Management Intern

NGO Resource Centre, Aga Khan Foundation

- Built an online database of civil society organisations: created the questionnaire, collected and cleaned the data, and managed the database development.
- Worked with government employees, NGO workers, and villagers on two islands to build and validate the database.

2006 (summer) **Field Intern in Microfinance**
Dominican Republic Esperanza Internacional

- Interviewed dozens of loan applicants in their homes and participated in microfinance meetings, all in Spanish.

Skills

Languages

- **French:** fluent (grew up in Montreal; went to French school until grade 11)
- **Spanish:** high intermediate (worked and lived with unilingual Spanish speakers in the Dominican Republic)
- **Swahili:** elementary (can get by in an emergency)

Technology for social impact

- Conducting research at the Oxford Internet Institute (OII) on HarassMap, a crowdmapping platform for reporting sexual harassment in Cairo.
- Wrote two major papers at the OII on social implications of Internet technologies: virtual work in developing countries, and civility and politeness in social media.
- Worked for five years, studied for six years, and read extensive practitioner and academic writing on technology for development, international development, and aid.

International work experience

- Adapt with ease to workplaces in different languages, cultures, and countries, and can quickly solve problems in unfamiliar surroundings and with limited resources.

Communication

- Practiced and effective writer, editor, and presenter.
- Have been commended by supervisors for my ability to communicate difficult concepts and present information and data in a manner that is easy to grasp.

Hobbies and Interests

Travel

Travel has shaped my interests, worldview, and identity. Besides living and working overseas, I've travelled for pleasure in 17 countries on 4 continents.

Community service

I have volunteered in most communities I have lived in, supporting community centres, cooking at soup kitchens, and acting as a "buddy" with an immigrant host program.

Meditation

I am taking a beginners course offered by the Oxford Mindfulness Centre.