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Research

Areas of Specialisation: Media studies; Public policy & conflict resolution; Media & humanitarianism; Representation and empathy towards distant suffering

Areas of Competence: postcolonial studies, public policy

Tertiary Education

MPP Public Policy & Conflict (Universität Erfurt) – 1.5 / 1st (2015)

MA Media Studies (Rhodes University) – Distinction (2012)

PgDipJMS Journalism & Media Studies (Rhodes University) – (2010)

BSc (Honours) Computer Science (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) – (2004)

BSc Computer Science (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) – (2003)

Publications

Stupart, R. (2015). Africa's deadliest conflict: media coverage of the humanitarian disaster in the Congo and the United Nations response 1997–2008. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 33(3), 418-420. doi:10.1080/02589001.2015.1075939

Stupart, R., & Strelitz, L. (2016). Framing the Famine: An analysis of media coverage of the 2011 famine in Somalia. *African Journalism Studies* 33(1), 100-119, doi:10.1080/23743670.2015.1084586

Working Papers

Stupart, R. Recording the War: The research and archival utility of Uganda's National Memory and Peace Documentation Centre conflict dataset

Stupart, R. & Carman, M. Duty to Know: A rebuttal to demands that media refrain from traumatic representations of distant suffering

Professional Experience

African Defence Review

Features Editor / 2013 - present

An African conflict and defence-focused publication that I co-founded and developed much of the strategy and online systems for. Early successes included being first in the world to publish specific details of the defeat of M23 in the DRC, and particularly close coverage of Southern African defence news.

Freelance Photojournalist

2009 - present

Freelance documentary photography, videography, podcast production and writing. Written work includes material on representations of Africa, conservation in the DRC, reconciliation efforts in northern Uganda, and humanitarian/security issues in South Sudan. Previous publication credits have included CNNGo, Matador Network, the Good Men Project, and City Press (South African daily national paper). Research-focused articles have included writing on the fallacy of the 'Africa Rising' narrative, and the political and environmental consequences of uranium mining in Niger.

Red Ferret Web Solutions

Founder & Owner / 2004 – present

Software and multimedia development company specialising in web-based development for a wide range of clients in publishing, non-profit and event sectors. Previous work has included projects for Cisco Systems, Dell Computers, and the South African government

South African Schools Debating Board

Trainer and Task Team Board Member / 2001 – 2008

Section 21 non-profit in South Africa dedicated to the development of debating and critical thinking skills in the country's schools. Work included running coaching and training workshops, coordinating provincial events in Gauteng province, and later serving as a member of the organisation's national task team, overseeing the restructuring and rebranding of the organisation.

Awards and Acknowledgements

Junior Fellow, African Good Governance Network

DAAD Scholarship for Masters study, 2013 – 2015

Winner: South African University Debating Championships, 2004

Conferences, seminars & teaching

Mediated solidarity: Compassion fatigue, the CNN effect and the representation of distant suffering. A paper presented as part of the *Finding Africa Postcolonial African Studies* seminar series at the University of York.

Research design and Methods. Course lecturer at Universität Erfurt's Willy Brandt school of public policy in the 2016 summer semester.