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Personal Statement

Forward-thinking and multi-lingual international academic executive with a focus on strengthening university intellectual and economic prosperity. Supporting student and faculty achievements while managing activities with leadership skills that are practical and pragmatic—with well-defined goals and accountability at individual and enterprise levels. Delivering vision and actions for global growth of academic and research programs to meet global demand within the scope of the university's mission.

Academic Institution Priorities

- Maintaining academic values and culture
- Cultivating a collaborative leadership team
- Supporting and driving student success
- Shaping a culture of diversity and inclusivity
- Growing enrollments across programs
- Strategic planning for academic institutional growth

EDUCATION

2013	Doctorate of Public Health (Dr.PH)	Texas A&M University Health Science Center College Station, Texas
2000	Master of Public Health (MPH), Health Policy and Management concentration	Texas A&M University Health Science Center College Station, Texas
1997	Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	Texas Chiropractic College Houston, Texas
1980	Certification in Dental Technology (CDT)	National Board of Certification Virginia USA
1970	Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons. Entomology/Horticulture)	University of Sind, Pakistan
1965	High School Diploma (Cambridge University)	The Aga Khan High School Nairobi, Kenya

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2015 – present	<i>Associate Provost for Global Affairs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading development of a global vision and strategic plan for the university.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Setting foundation for launch of new Office of Global Affairs and Engagement.	University of Louisville Louisville, KY
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- Conducted one-on-one interviews with all university deans providing qualitative data to support the new strategic plan.
- Presented plan updates and status of select global activities to Provost office, all university deans, and international directors from across the university.
- Established university collaboration with Lahore, Pakistan; Quito, Ecuador; Sokoto, Nigeria; China; India; Gambia; Djibouti and numerous others in the works including Dubai, UAE.

A recent 2015 Djibouti visit was upon a personal invitation from Ambassador Tom Kelly US Embassy in Djibouti and facilitated by the Kentucky Air National Guard and US Army in Djibouti. This visit resulted in planning for potential academic and research partnership with Djibouti University, plans for MPH program, and a public health and engineering research proposal (solar energy and water purification) for the country of Djibouti through USAID. Countrywide intervention to Tuberculosis; and aiding the Ministry of Education in changing the national language to English from French. Assistance comes from the US Embassy in Djibouti, USAID, and the Civilian Arm of the US Army.

2013 –
present

Assistant Dean for Global Affairs

- Djibouti Initiative—led the planning and international relationship development with in-country government and USAID executives for future multi-year tuberculosis (TB) prevalence study.
- Led multi-year development of joint MPH academic program planning and launch preparations with Fatima Memorial System (FMS), Lahore Pakistan for 2016.
 - Facilitated approval of all regulatory authorities.
 - Served as Key Note speaker at the first Public Health Symposium in Lahore (Spring 2015).
- Initiated discussions and planning with Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Rana Mahood Punjab Education Minister of the Pakistani Punjab government on developing an academic and research focused ‘Knowledge Park’ over 800 acres for future institutional campuses dedicated to information technology, engineering, business, healthcare, and public health.
- Visit to Quito, Ecuador (June 2015) led to initiating a relationship for a joint MPH program and a Masters degree in Clinical Investigative Sciences with Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial (UTE).
- Facilitated relationship for UofL participation in future Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH)

School of Public Health and
Information Sciences
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY

Southeast Asia chapter – involving India, Pakistan, China and Sri Lanka.

- Supporting a joint SPHIS and UofL School of Medicine Infectious Disease department CDC research proposal to study the burden of influenza in Kenya on pregnant mothers health, vaccination effectiveness, and national surveillance and diagnostic capabilities.

2012 – 2013 *Senior Advisor*

- Established conflict and development study labs globally to understand conflict with Human Capital, Natural Resources, Climate Change and Food Security.
- Led USAID application submittal for which Texas A&M was chosen from over 400 applicants.
- Co-sponsor for this project was the Warren Buffet Foundation.

Center for Conflict and Development – A USAID project called HESN (Higher Education Solutions Network)
Texas A&M University Health Science Center
College Station, Texas

2009 – 2013 *Director of Global Initiatives*

- Formed collaborations and liaisons with universities in Asian and African regions.
- Served in team projects and worked toward health care global initiatives.
- Participated in the Health Center’s expansion and growth.
- Directed global recruitment of international students increasing international student enrollment.
- Worked with CDC Director Dr A Nasidi in Nigeria to establish a school of public health in Abuja Nigeria.

School of Rural Public Health
Texas A&M University Health Science Center
College Station, Texas

2006 – 2009 *Academic Consultant*

- Worked with the Boston University Dental School to start a School of Dental Technology in their new Dental School in the Health Care City in Dubai.
- Prepared a “draft” Dental Technology curriculum for Boston University Dental School.

Boston University,
Dental School
Dubai,
Health Care City

1991 – 1992 *Junior Lecturer*

- Assisted graduate dental students with Dental Technology Techniques in fixed prosthodontic procedures.

University of Texas Dental Branch

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1997 – 2006 *Clinic Director*

- Multidisciplinary health care practice of acute injuries, chronic pain, industrial injuries and personal injuries, pain management, and physical therapy & occupational rehab, and orthopedics.
- Responsible for profit and loss management of the operation.
- Provided leadership and operational oversight for over

American Pain Clinic,
Houston Texas and 6 affiliates

100+ physicians, radiologists, nurses, and support staff.

1996 – 2007	<i>Director and Consultant</i>	U-Can Farms Chennai, India
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessed endemic diseases in livestock in the Tamil Nadu region of India (East Coast) searching for preventive measures to control and mitigate sporadic spreads of such diseases. • Increased lamb and goat meat production to include distribution to major retailers in the state – including Reliance. • Worked with the Government of India and joint Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture to introduce programs of saving the deserted Male Buffalos in the country. • Designed effluent treatment plants and the rendering of slaughter wastes. • Started a research program with a private entity to identify a suspected "phytoestrogen" in certain fodder which contributed toward udder enlargements in lactating ewes. • Participated in the negotiations with Bhabha Atomic Energy Center (BARC) to facilitate export of Indian mangoes to USA. • Conducted classes for the company to train the farm managers and junior health inspectors for continual education programs. • Livestock production with complete slaughter house and export of lamb and mutton from the companys farms in Chennai, India. • Real estate investments and developments in global regions including The Business Bay and the The Burj Khalifa, Dubai. 	
1980 – 1994	<i>Operations Director</i>	American Dental Centers, Houston, TX
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed 4 family owned dental offices in Houston and Dallas with dental laboratories. • Provided direction for 32 staff, 9 dentists and 7 dental technicians. • Responsible for oversight of quality control of all fixed and removable prosthesis fabricated in the labs. 	
Prior to 1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed a family owned 620 acre coffee farm, forestry, and livestock operation in Kenya for 5 years. • Held classes in the fields to educate the farm coffee pickers on basic health, hygiene, crop management and healthy methods of raising their infant children while working in the coffee fields. • Taught basic sciences at the Aga Khan Academy (High School) in Nairobi Kenya for 2 years. (community 	Kenyan Family Farm Operation – Manira Estate

service)
Prior to 1980 *Operations Manager* Real Estate Development
Venture
London, England

- Operated family real estate development business in London, England for 4 years—commercial and residential.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2007-2008 *Global Education and Operations Consultant* Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)

- Worked with regional field trainers to develop training methods to disseminate educational information to villages and households in Public Health issues.
- In Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan worked with the University of Central Asia’s School of Continuing Education in planning Education Policies for public health issues including HIV and AIDS prevention program, drug addiction, poverty eradication, control of zoonotic diseases, and domestic violence (serious wife battering issues).
- Closely worked with the Dean of the School of Continuing Education of University of Central Asia.
- Other country specific efforts for the AKDN include the following:

Afghanistan

- Led assessment program and data collection from the ultra poor segment of the Afghan Community in Kabul.
- Facilitated analysis and development of programs and projects to assist in the economic growth, promoting health and hygiene and poverty alleviation of the population.
- Trained local educators in methods of detailed data collection, report writing, tabulation & editing, and presentations to the NGO (and the international community, for aid and grant purposes from international organizations and the World Bank).

Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)

- Facilitated collaboration with local health and Public Health authorities to identify primary public health issues and education policy planning.
- Facilitated a train-the-trainers program through the University of Central Asia’s School of Continuing Education for field operations to educate local tribe leaders (all geographic areas and mountain societies) on a spectrum of public health issues including HIV and AIDS prevention program, drug addiction, poverty eradication, control of zoonotic diseases, and domestic violence (serious wife battering issues).

East Africa *East Africa*

- Conducted 7-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) course in East Africa with a Safari education program titled “Education, Exercise and Entertainment” for the faculty at the University of Texas, Dental Branch in Houston. Course approved by The Texas Dental Association.

Pakistan

- Educated and assisted in public health issue resolution and field staff training in data

collection methods

- Conducted a door-to-door public health and hygiene education and awareness program in the villages of the Sind Province (Sultanabad), Pakistan.
 - Under the auspices of University of Sind to promote safe drinking water, housefly control and reduction of diseases associated with houseflies and bad drinking water.
 - Public service in the control of trachoma (granular conjunctivitis) in Sultanabad area of the Sind Province.

Iran

- Disseminated information on modern farming methods and techniques and use of fertilizers to increase crop production to the villages of Northern Iran.
- Organized and supervised mobile dental units to screen, assess and providing dental care in that area.
- Participated in several undocumented research projects to help the rural community in health and hygiene.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- English, Swahili, Urdu, Hindi, Gujarati, Elementary Farsi - learning Spanish and Arabic

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Manuscript Title: *Malaria Related Policy Interventions in Zanzibar*
Co-authors: Craig Blakely, PhD, MPH and Marcia Ory, PhD
Status: manuscript being finalized for submission to International Journal of Public Health
- 2015 Manuscript Title: *Cultural Barriers to Malaria Prevention and Treatment in Zanzibar*
Co-authors: Marcia Ory, PhD and Tiberio Garza PhD
Status: manuscript being finalized for submission to International Journal of Public Health
- 2016 [Book chapter] *Global Health. Challenges and Opportunities.*
Prepared for *Population Health. Management, Policy and Innovation, 2nd Edition.*
Convergent Publishing (IN PRESS)

INTERESTS

- Working on a privately funded research program in India involved in isolating a natural ingredient in a certain plant (fodder) that enhances udder enlargement in does (female goats) and ewes naturally. This will then lead to trial studies in humans.
- Animal farming, primarily cattle, goats, and sheep.
- Artificial insemination of livestock and livestock management and breeding.
- Rural Public Health and Hygiene –research/teaching and application in rural settings.
- Community education impartation and /or classroom lectures.
- Philosophy, Meditation, Music, Theatre & Arts, stage productions and films.
- Production and Direction of Sufi plays – Produced The Conference of the Birds (Farid ud-Din Attar)
Directed *Island of the Animals*, *Journey Along The Silk Road* and Co Directed *A Mystical Journey* – All were staged in the USA. A Mystical Journey included staging in Canada, and a special performance in Paris for several European and Middle Eastern Royalties and Dignitaries attending. This was under the auspices of the Aga Khan Development Network – Culture for Arts.

- Currently involved with a community stage and theatrical production to be staged in Dubai in July 2016. Expected audiences will be from 25 countries.

PHILANTHROPY

Sponsored/funding several indigent students globally to complete elementary/higher education in India, Pakistan, Africa and USA. Funding is on-going for health care for several indigent people who can not afford dire needed surgeries, like eyes, orthopedics etc.