

Codrin Stefan Arsene

codrin@uchicago.edu | Phone: 773-301-6840

EDUCATION

M.A. in the Social Sciences estimated graduation date June 2012

B.A., Liberal Arts, University of Chicago, August 2010
Honors in Political Science | Honors in International Studies
Dean's List 2007-2010

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Guest on BBC Radio Show Africa Have Your Say, Topic: *Future of African print and online media* March 23, 2010
- U. of Chicago African Studies Research Grant for field research in Tanzania (\$4000) Summer 2009
- Personal blogs included in the list of the “100 Best Blogs for Learning about Africa,” published by Bachelors Degree Online and “Top 50 blogs for Studying Africa,” made by University Reviews Online January 2009
- U. of Chicago Foreign Language Acquisition Grant for advanced language study (\$3000, Argentina) Summer 2007
- Languages skills: Fluent in Spanish and Romanian, Intermediate in French and Portuguese, conversational level for Swahili

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ACQUISITION DEPARTMENT, Chicago, IL September 2009 – present

- Manage databases to improve purchase efficiency
- Process staff requests

FOREIGN POLICY (ROMANIAN EDITION) March 2011 - present

- Published 20 articles on the Obama administration and African politics.

THE ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL January– October 2010
Refugee Resettlement Advisor

- Coordinated the development of resource materials that ease the cultural and economic transitions of the over 3,000 refugees
- Wrote culturally sensitive briefs on a variety of topics, ranging from Chicago housing regulations to HIV/AIDS prevention
- Developed web messaging strategies through interviews with department heads

CENTER FOR AMERICA-CHINA PARTNERSHIP, Chicago, IL December 2009 – June 2010
Consultant

- Wrote media briefs
- Consulted on online media tools

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO REFERENCE AND BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER, Chicago, IL Sept. 2006 – June 2009
Assistant

- Organized, coordinated and managed workshops and outreach events
- Provided assistance and consultation on African collections
- Served as the point person for purchasing requests.

FREE LIFE NEWSPAPER, Galati, Romania

- Published 1000+ articles on topics including culture and fashion events, investigative reporting and political op-eds

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

- Appointed Interschool Board Member for Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, (university appointee) 2008 – 2009
- Selected Delegate at the Forum for American Chinese Exchange Program at Stanford and University of Beijing 2009
- Selected Member of the Community Service Leadership Corps at the University of Chicago 2006 – 2007
- Civil Society Appointed Regional Consultant for a large-scale reforestation project in Galati, Romania 2005-2006
- Clean Up the World Country Director in charge of organizing over 100 environmental campaigns in the city of Galati 2004-2006
- Galati City Council Outstanding Leader Award, for coordinating the European Month in Galati, Romania (main organizer on behalf the student body of 65 events, involving more than 10000 high-school students and residents) 2005-2006

RECENT PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MEDIA EXPOSURE

- Writer for *A Romanian in Africa* (www.codrinarsene.com), *African Politics Portal* (www.african-politics.com) and *AfricanLoft Portal* (<http://www.africanloft.com/author/carsene/>) 2008 - present
- Delegate at the Forum for American Chinese Exchange at Peking University, Beijing November 2009
- Invited guest France 24 International News TV Channel, Topic: *Gang Fights in the city of Chicago* Oct. 10, 2009
- Delegate at the Forum for American Chinese Exchange at Stanford April 2009
- Keynote speaker at the Yale Youth Forum on China-Africa Relations, lecture titled *The Most Unequal Equals: Historical and Present Trends of the Sino-Tanzanian Friendship* April 2009

SKILLS

Computer: Proficient in Windows, Microsoft Office, MS PowerPoint,

INTERESTS

Foreign aid in Africa, African politics & development programs, political failure, Chinese investment in Africa, youth activism, travel (I have visited 77 countries on all the major continents), photography, women's empowerment.