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## Current Position

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**Post Doctoral Fellowship in Bioethics,  
United States of America**

September 2008 – to date

**Department of Bioethics, Clinical Center, National Institute of Health**

*Research focus:* Ethics of medicine in international conflicts and complex disasters.

## Education

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**Master of Science in Tropical Medicine and International Health**

**Diploma in Tropical Medicine**

**United Kingdom**

October 2003 – October 2004

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London – United Kingdom

*Summer project:* Management of Sexual Violence in conflict areas and insecure settings: Development of an evidence-based Interactive Tutorial for Medical Doctors and Health Professionals

*Grade A*

**Degree Medicine and Surgery**

**Italy - Portugal**

September 1994 - September 2000

Facoltà di Medicina e chirurgia (Faculty of Medicine and Surgery), Università degli Studi di Pavia and Lisboa

Training in: Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Paediatrics, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Orthopaedic and Reconstructive / Plastic Surgery

*Thesis:* “Trombo-embolismo venoso acuto: esperienze cliniche di terapia domiciliare in Pronto Soccorso”

*Grade 60/60*

## Experience

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**Emergency Coordinator, Médecins sans Frontières – France**

December 2006 – July 2008

**Somalia, Tchad, Cameroun, Sudan, Kenya**

- Responsible for defining and adapting MSF policy in emergency settings
- Responsible for field operation implementation, security and staff oversight
- Carried out exploratory assessments of health and humanitarian needs
- Assess feasibility and appropriateness of opening operational activity
- Analyzed security and political context, contributing to operation decision
- Contributed to operational decision making with MSF headquarters
- Developed political, medical, humanitarian and international contacts for operational implementation
- Developed and implemented medical intervention programs in Jubah Valley and Mogadishu (Somalia), Juba region (South Sudan), Southern Region (Tchad), etc.
- Hired, trained and managed 100+ medical and non-medical staff per each project

**Head of Mission/Medical Coordinator**, Médecins sans Frontières – France

June 2005 – September 2006

**Liberia**

- Responsible for field four project definition and operation
- Oversight of 650 medical and non-medical national and expatriate staff
- Conducted ongoing analysis of security, political and humanitarian context
- Provided ongoing medical oversight for surgical, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology
- Produced monthly operational statistical analysis and report
- Implemented integration of HIV-treatment into secondary health structure
- Oversaw 5 million Euro budget
- Proposed and carried out exit of intervention projects in Liberia

**Women's Health Coordinator**, Medecins sans Frontieres – France

October 2004-March 2005

**Darfur - Sudan**

- Assessed incidence of sexual violence and access to care
- Defined and implemented emergency response for medical management of sexual violence cases
- Integrated women's health into medical operation
- Conducted sexual health training for medical, civilian and military
- Sexual health medical referral for four medical field teams in West Darfur
- Discussed and provided abortion care within the medical projects

**Field Physician**, Medecins sans Frontieres – France

June 2002 – September 2003

**Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo**

- Responsible for field medical care for nutrition, epidemic and conflict health
- Devised region specific programs for managing gender violence care, specifically for children.
- Organized and trained community peers to inform communities on access to care.
- Advocated and guided legal and counselling services for patients.

**Toxicologist**, Ospedali Riuniti, Department of Clinical Toxicology

June 2001-May 2002

**Italy**

- Conducted daily clinical consultations for acute cases
- Oversaw Anti-poison centre for northern Italia
- Medical referral for national maternal toxicology reference centre

**General Practitioner Consultant**, Regional Health Department

October 2002-April 2005

**Italy**

- Clinical referent for emergency care in rural areas
- Home-based Chronic cases follow-up

**Emergency Room Consultant**, Hopital Cochin, Paris

October 2000-April 2001

**France**

- Emergency Room Consultant
- Clinical referent for critical care for foreigners patients

## **Publications**

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“No Exceptionalism Needed to treat terrorists”

Lepora, Danis, Wetheimer. AJOB 2009; 9:10 – 53

“Un caso di embolia polmonare emodinamicamente instabile gestito in Pronto Soccorso Accettazione: diagnosi e terapia della fase acuta” di Lepora, Siragusa, Gamba et al. Boll Soc Med Chir Pavia 2000; 114: 91-102

“La terapia domiciliare della trombosi venosa profonda agli arti inferiori: un anno di esperienze nel servizio di Pronto Soccorso ed Accettazione dell'IRCCS Policlinico S. Matteo” di Lepora, Siragusa, Gamba et al. Boll Soc Med Chir Pavia 2000; 114: 77-90

## **Teaching Experiences**

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### **HIV/AIDS training course**

#### **Germany**

Berlin, October 2006

One lecture on conceptualizing HIV vulnerability in operational decision-making, one lecture on Sexual Violence Management within HIV/AIDS projects

### **Seminar on Context and limits of Sexual Violence Management in MSF operations**

**Italy**

Rome, June 2006

Co-chair and organizer for 2 days seminar for 30 MSF medical and coordination staff

### **Understanding consequences of violence**

#### **Switzerland**

Geneva, March 2005

Lecture on sexual violence management training for trainers

### **PPD (Pre-Premier Depart) Training course**

**Italy**

Rome, May 2005

Permanent facilitator for new volunteers.

## **Training**

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### **Formation Responsable des Opérations**

#### **France**

Paris, January 2006

Two weeks intensive course on Operational Management, project definition, humanitarian ethics, global health diplomacy.

### **HIV/AIDS training course**

#### **Switzerland**

Geneva, May 2005

Two weeks intensive course on conceptualizing and carryout HIV/AIDS project in resources poor environments.

## **Foreign Languages**

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Verbal and written fluency in English, French, Portuguese, Italian  
Competency in Spanish

## **Interests**

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“...The necessary premise is that a man is somehow more than his "characteristics", all the emotions, strivings, tastes and constructions which it pleases him to call "My Life". We have ground to hope that a Life is something more than such a cloud of particles, mere facticity.”

Saul Bellow