

MAGOGODI MAKHENE

Gallatin School of Individualized Study

Master of Arts, May 2010

Concentration: Private Equity & Venture Capital for Economic Development in sub-Saharan Africa



Magogodi Makhene is pursuing a masters degree focused on the application of private equity and venture capital as vehicles for economic development in sub-Saharan Africa. She is particularly interested in the employment of innovative financing models to support African small medium enterprises. Magogodi is a South African native from Soweto, who grew up during anti-apartheid economic sanctions and political unrest. This period was formative and still colors her passion for social justice and democracy.

Magogodi comes to NYU after gaining experience in nonprofit programming and management. In New York, her work has included business intelligence research for an emerging-markets due diligence firm with private equity, hedge fund and multinational corporate clients. Magogodi is co-chair of the first African Social Enterprise Forum, a conference highlighting social entrepreneurship for African development, which will be hosted at the Desmond Tutu Center in New York City during the fall of 2009. Magogodi was most-recently named a 2009 Opportunity Collaboration Fellow. Magogodi is also a keen essayist, with several writing awards including first prize for the 2007 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest.

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Fair Trade Federation, Washington, D.C.

Fair Trade Fellow Intern, Jan. – Apr. 2008

- Evaluated members' adherence to fair trade principles of financial, social and environmental corporate responsibility by analyzing financial statements and companies' due diligence procedures
- Contributed to organizing activities, including a national fair trade conference and the first worldwide fair trade coffee break
- Edited and authored marketing material for quarterly newsletter

Neumann College Act 101 Program, Aston, PA

Academic Counselor & Program Assistant, Aug. 2006 – Dec. 2007

- Evaluated 2004 – 2006 monthly budget reports, preparing documents for state audit
- Counseled 15 first generation students from underserved communities on pertinent social and academic issues, resolved conflicts, built self-esteem and assisted in meeting graduating goal
- Authored public relations material used for community outreach, highlighting program services

Bright Lights Initiative (BLI), Philadelphia, PA

Board Member, Finance and Programming Coordinator, Nov. 2005 – Dec. 2006

Financial

- Authored grant proposals for BLI, securing funding for 2007-2008 through various sources, including the Union Benevolent Fund, The Philadelphia Foundation, The Philadelphia Department of Human Services and The Darling Foundation
- Developed a finalist Wharton Business School proposal for nonprofit human resource grant.

Programming & Management

- Coordinated diverse weekly events — lecture series, choir program, museum trips, Young Writers' Club — engaging over 400 at-risk students in three underserved schools
- Assisted in implementing and organizing quarterly induction ceremonies
- Managed year-end Awards event, directing ceremony agenda for 400, their parents and three affiliate schools
- Devised and oversaw expansion initiative which grew program by 10%
- Consulted with advisory board members about imminent leadership change as ten year director of BLI considered retirement

College of St. Benedict Gender & Women's Studies, St. Joseph, MN

Research Assistant, Summer 2001

- Conducted primary research, categorizing data collected from interviewing refugee victims of Female Genital Mutilation
- Completed draft papers on female genital mutilation, used as background research for Women's Studies undergraduate instruction
- Developed and maintained the Gender and Women's Studies website

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Neumann College Investment Club, Aston, PA

Co-founding Member, Sept. 2007 – May 2008

- Co-designed investment model to trade variable securities
- Analyzed securities

College of St. Benedict Student Government, St. Joseph, MN

Academic Affairs Senator, Nov. 2000 - May 2001

- Developed mission-critical strategies, working with board of trustees
- Interviewed and selected Director of Student Activities on search committee
- Organized campus and community wide events; campus-wide “International Festival” and community-wide “Women’s Week: Learning for Liberation”

EDUCATION

New York University, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York, NY

Candidate for Master of Arts, May 2010

Concentration: Alternative Asset Class Investment, International Development and Contemporary African Studies

Neumann College, Aston, PA

Bachelor of Science, May 2008

Major: International Business

DISTINCTIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- NYU Reynolds Graduate Fellowship in Social Entrepreneurship, 2008
- Soros Fellowship for New Americans Finalist, 2008
- Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest First Prize, 2007
- Delta Epsilon Sigma National Research Writing Award, , 2007
- Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society Writing Award for Poetry, 2007
- Andre M. Jones Scholarship Recipient, 2007
- Neumann College Academic Achievement, 2006-2008
- Neumann Vice President’s Academic Honors’ List, 2006- 2007
- National Honors Societies: Delta Epsilon Sigma & Delta Mu Delta

PUBLICATIONS

- “Alternative Growth: The Impact of Emerging Market Private Equity on Economic Development.” Neumann Business Review, Spring 2009
- “The Ethics of South African Identity.” First Prize 2007. www.eliewieselfoundation.org
- “One Vote One Rand: Addressing the Question of Black Economic Empowerment in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal, Spring 2007
- “Congo Farm.” Joust Student Newspaper, October 2007
- “Bringing the World Home: American Foreign Policy.” Americans for Informed Democracy, Madrid Summit, May 2006