

RESUME – Curriculum Vitae 2019



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OBJECTIVES/INTERESTS

“To give leaders purpose, strategy, messaging tools and methodologies to help them realize their highest leadership potential for communities, organizations, agencies and governments they lead globally.”

-Yvonne Renee Davis

Since 1989, my career has been built on various facets of international relations, communications, public affairs (media), professional development and training, coaching, emerging markets, strategy, analysis and implementation.

My intellectual pursuits and academics have provided a strong foundational platform that is theoretical/philosophical, historical/international and communicative. My professional, United States, global and personal involvement on various levels (business, corporate, academic, media, government, NGO/Non-profit, professional athletics and entertainment), and social strata has taught me how to implement practical, sustainable and useful approaches and stratagems for entities, teams, governments and domestic and world leaders.

Critical to professional and social growth is maintaining a global view that promotes a valuable nexus for leaders and followers - helping them realize

their vision, mission, goals and objectives. Forming my business in October of 1996 in the United States and taking it global in August of 2001 to 64-countries, I have successfully teamed with and led clients to realize their priorities, increase and enhance relationships, attract attention and notoriety, and develop their Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA).

By immersing myself in the culture, religious, socio-economic, private sector, government and non-governmental processes in numerous regions around the world, I have gained a keen awareness and understanding on the strategic priorities of entities/concerns I have been introduced and exposed too.

My objective will be to obtain a signature opportunities/position to align with an entity as it moves towards viable yet successful outcomes by building strong bridges of cooperation and partnerships towards reaching an entities vision, mission objectives and goals.

BIO-CURRICULUM VITAE / NARRATIVE

Yvonne Renee Davis is an internationally recognized leadership development trainer, professional coach, speaker, and award winning journalist. She is an expert in cross-cultural and global emerging markets, understanding what drives government, private sector, and non-governmental organizations in challenging times to bring insight and viable solutions.

Throughout her remarkable 30-year career, she has spearheaded initiatives that impact social and political change to thousands world-wide. A hard-hitting columnist, crisis communications strategist and au fait traveler, Davis has worked in 60 countries, enabling her to greatly enhance her erudition of the global community. She's highly knowledgeable about critical economic and socio-political issues in the Middle East, Africa, Caribbean, Central Asia, Asia, the Balkans, and Eastern Europe.

With an impressive academic background in communication theory and application, leadership, communications business ethics, strategic thinking, scenario planning, international relations and comparative politics, Davis drives management and negotiation stratagems that are utilized by the public, government, NGO/non-profit and corporate sector.

From 2001 – 2016, Ms. Davis served the U.S. Department of State in the capacity as a Lecturer, Trainer, and Speaker for the Speakers' Bureau enhancing and spreading Public Diplomacy on behalf of the United States of America. She is called upon to speak about a myriad of leadership issues related to her areas of expertise inclusive of media and public affairs on a national and global level.

In October of 2013, Davis returned from a public diplomacy trip as a speaker for U.S. Embassy Tokyo;

conducting 12 speaking engagements in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Sapporo and Osaka. Quoted by the U.S. Cultural Attaché, he said, "Your presentation inspired the Japanese, especially women, to be proactive and take challenges to become leaders in their local communities." Davis was the last officially invited speaker to come to Japan in advance of Ambassador Caroline Kennedy taking her post as the first woman appointed by President Barack Obama to be U.S. Ambassador to a Japan.

In January of 2014, Dr. Mariko Bando, President of the prestigious Showa Women's University in Tokyo was so impressed with her visit to Japan, Dr. Bando personally invited Davis to give the charge of leadership as the University celebrated its 25-year anniversary for Showa Institute Boston.

It was through her highly intuitive capabilities and relationship building that she gained great respect as the first woman from the U.S. Consulate of Jerusalem to teach negotiation and media training to Palestinian women leaders in 2006, 2011 and 2013.

In April of 2011, Davis, teaching leadership, was one of the first U.S. citizens to address youth in Gaza through the U.S. Department of State.

She was the first U.S. Citizen to be granted a visitor's visa to Libya before the revolution.

Davis works closely with high-level officials and key stakeholders to create a unique vision and market branding to develop strong leaders who affect sustainable results. It is her deep knowledge of public affairs, media, and messaging that enables her to design, launch, and administer far-reaching, impactful social marketing campaigns that educate and influence thinking and behavior.

Ms. Davis was an appointee of President George W. Bush, and was appointed by former Governor M. Jodi Rell of Connecticut to the position of Commissioner for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She worked closely with the White House from 2001 to 2005 on housing, Education, Small Business, HIV/AIDS (AGOA), Global Trade, and Women's issues. She was in and out of the Bush-43 White House numerous times participating in meetings, and helping to coordinate events as well as key-message development for the President. She served as a surrogate spokesperson.

She served on the Board of Directors for the World Affairs Council in Connecticut, She was the Vice President of Global Women's Issues Forum, and member of Board of Directors to Al Waref Foundation (a Middle Eastern policy think tank in Washington, D.C., Lebanon, and Morocco). She serves on the fiduciary board of directors for Connecticut Public Affairs Networks (CPAN), she was an Ambassador for the Good Will Treaty for Peace. In March, Ms. Davis was bestowed the 2019 College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Award from the University of Hartford for her contributions in Communications and International Relations as well as her career and community services. In February 2010, Ms. Davis was bestowed a Humanitarian award by Orphans International, a U.N. sanctioned organization for her work around the world.

As evidenced in her thought-provoking writing style, Ms. Davis articulates a unique and "out of the box" viewpoint that compels readers to examine their own ideas. She is a contributor for the Heritage Foundation's Daily Signal, and has served as a columnist for the Huffington Post and Arab News. She has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers, including Russian Magazine, The New

York Times, Jerusalem Post, Palestinian Times, Black Enterprise Magazine, New Century Newspaper in Uzbekistan, and Hartford Magazine. Sought out for her expertise, she has been interviewed by Tokyo-TV, NPR, CBC, and BBC World News, Persian Voice of America, Leiberman Live on Howard Stern's Network Channels on Sirius/XM.

Ms. Davis is the International Relations Expert for FOX 61 owned by Tribune Media. She is called upon to provide foreign correspondence and in-depth analysis and forecast.

Ms. Davis has studied French, Italian and Arabic in the United States and abroad.

Ms. Davis is an athlete engaged in intensive fitness training. Her sports of choice are tennis, jogging, weight-training and bikini-fit competition. A love for philosophy and political theory, she enjoys reading and having thought provoking discussions with others on a wide range of topics. She writes love poetry, is passionate about international adventure travel and cooking cuisine from various parts of the world. She is a mentor and confidant to youth, men and women from all ages.

SIGNATURE HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 – Contributor/Writer on Foreign Policy for the Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC

2019 - In March, Ms. Davis was bestowed the 2019 College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Award from the University of Hartford for her contributions in Communications and International Relations as well as her career and community services.

Since 2001 - Worked in 64 countries (nineteen Muslim

Countries, fourteen African Countries). Just returned from Liberia in July 2015 for project to build an orphanage and vocational school; answering the pilot need for the 3,000 orphans that came from the Ebola crisis in 2014.

2001 – 2006 - Served as an Appointee of President George W. Bush for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

2001 – 2006 - Worked with directly with the Bush Administration on issues of Trade, small business, housing, Africa Growth and Opportunity, Caribbean Affairs, minority issues, women & education. Put together White House Briefings and press events with the White House.

January 2014 – At the request Keynote and “Charge of Leadership” speaker for the 25-year anniversary of Showa University’s (Tokyo) Showa Boston Institute for Language and Culture.

October 2013 - Guest speaker, leadership lecturer, trainer for on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, Embassy Tokyo – Tokyo, Sapporo, Fukuoku, Osaka. The last U.S. Guest Speaker before Ambassador Caroline Kennedy took her post in November of 2013.

December 2012 – Communications Skills, Coaching and Managing Up Training for Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi’s staff at her Abu Dhabi Headquarters.

June 2012 – Apex Leadership Training for Women, the Leader Within, Communication Skills Training and coaching for women at Gasco Abu Dhabi for Huda Al Matroushi.

April 2012 – Guest Lecturer/Trainer for United Arab

Emirates University staff, leadership and students. Training was on Communication Skills, Body Language and Conflict Resolution.

2012 – Present - Yvonne R. Davis named the International Relations Expert for FOXCT.

2011-2014 - Served as lead consultant, recruiter and leadership trainer facilitator for ExxonMobil Corporation first-ofits-kind Global Women in Management (GWIM) program for the most senior level women from the UAE, Egypt and the Gulf Cooperation Consortium.

2011 - Keynote speaker at the JCI conference for youths post Tunisia’s revolution. The aim was to promote active citizenship among young people and to build a concrete action plan among UN Experts, civil society, politicians, and professionals. It includes human rights and preparation for democracy.

August 2010 - Guest speaker for the United Nations Youth Assembly – The topic: “Global Messaging in the Age of Social Media.”

October of 2010 and May 2011 (*Before and after the Arab Spring*) - On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, prepared and trained NGOs in Tunisia in leadership, social marketing, change and facilitating through Crisis. Yvonne R. Davis advised youth protestors how to start a political party via social marketing campaigns to represent their interest in government.

2009-2013 – Commissioner for Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

2009-2011 - Writer for the Huffington Post.

2009 – Adaptive and Transformational Leadership Trainer for high school and college students in the Court of the Crown Prince of Bahrain.

2008 – Lead consultant to create with the Dean to establish an online Master of Science in Global Leadership at Duquesne University.

2008 - Ms. Davis led an academic roundtable discussion at the Global Women's Leadership Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The topic was "The Dangers of Leadership."

2008 - Founder and CEO received a U.N. sanctioned humanitarian and human rights award and recognition for her work with women and children world-wide and in the U.S.

2008 - Commencement Speaker for Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement. <http://newsroom.duq.edu/2008/07/31/slpa-commencement-2/>

2007 - Spoke to Government Officials in the Parliament in Romania about the democratic process and collaborative problem solving.

2006, 2011, & 2013 - Recognized by the U.S. Consulate of Jerusalem as furthering peaceful public diplomacy in Palestine.

In 2006 - Media & Crisis Manager Trained all spokespersons for Albanian government officials on a Municipal, National Level (the President and Prime Minister's Cabinet), and Political Parties (included the opposition party).

2005 – Present - Lectured and served as a keynote

speaker to universities and colleges on leadership, business ethics, negotiation, U.S. Presidential Politics, Democracy in America, Capacity Building, Emerging Markets, Cross-Cultural Awareness Social Entrepreneurship – Some countries & states include Israel, Romania, Albania, Tunisia, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Ghana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine.

<http://www5.thomas.edu/content/5952/news>

2005 – 2013 - Leadership training led to the establishment of leadership entities organizations in Romania, Czech Republic and Palestine.

2005 - 2007 - Training Consultant for the National Football league (NFL) Trained the Player Development Directors and the Rookies (Conflict Resolution, Communication Skills & Cross Cultural Awareness).

From 2002-2006 - The Company was the most requested leadership and communications training consulting firm by U.S. Embassies in Eurasia & Africa.

August of 2001 – Lead consultant for the first Business-Congressional Delegation for the first trade mission to Africa on behalf of President George W. Bush to promote the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. Coordinated the Fortune 500 company participation and activities between the Presidents of six African countries, the Congressional Delegation, Bush Administration and the companies (Microsoft, Coke, ExxonMobil, Kosmos, and Monsanto).

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

M.S. Duquesne University Graduate School of Leadership and Professional Advancement- 2007
Leadership and Business Ethics

M.A University of Connecticut Politics and Government – 1991-1993, 2004
Political Theory, International Relations and Comparative Politics

B.A. University of Hartford School
Magna cum Laude 1991
Political Science – Emphasis International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory
Mass Communications – Emphasis News Media, Interpersonal & Organizational Communication
Minor: Philosophy

Institut Supérieur International de Leadership
INSIL International Higher Institute of Leadership
-Doctorate Program Leadership,
Mastery & Change – 2007-2011

Cornell University Executive Leadership Program 2012

Strategic Leadership
Strategic Thinking
Scenario Planning
Executive Coaching

Duquesne University 2010 – Professional Coaching Certification

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government 2007 – The Art and Practice of Leadership.

Hartford Seminary School 2009 – Arabic Language Studies

Sorrento Lingue 2006-2010 – Italian Language Studies

EXPERTISE & TRAINING OFFERED

Writing (*Speech, Ghost, Key Messaging, Curriculum*)

Speaking (*Public Presentation/Speaking, Lecture, Workshop, Teaching, Debate, Logic & Reasoning*)

Strategy and Analysis

Logistical Event Planning

Leadership Development

Apex Leadership for Women

Managing Up Women's Leadership

Principles of Ethics

Business Ethics

Crisis Communication/Management

Media Skills/Spokesperson (*Corporate Executive, NGO Heads, and Government Officials*)

Ambassadorial Media Training Command the Room

Public Speaking

Negotiation

Conflict Resolution

Collaborative Problem Solving

Capacity Building

Youth Development (Life Skills –Seeking Knowledge & Insight to Live Life Successfully) Social

Entrepreneurship

Interpersonal and Organizational Communication Skills Training

Executive Leadership Coaching

Cross Cultural Awareness Political

Savvy Competency Skills Critical Thinking

Strategic Thinking

Scenario Planning

Decision Making Models

Social Media Etiquette Email Etiquette

Staying Motivated