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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, Sydney, Australia

Advisor and consultant, April 2018 - ongoing

Working with a range of organisations, coalitions, research institutions and social movements to support advocacy strategy and applied research.

THE B TEAM, New York, USA

Director – Governance and Transparency, September 2016 – December 2017

Senior Advisor – Governance and Transparency, September 2014 – August 2016; April 2018 - ongoing

Developed the Governance and Transparency Initiative from inception for The B Team, a group of global leaders working to transform the role of business in society. The Initiative vision is that business contributes to creating and maintaining environments in which governments and companies are responsive and accountable to informed and empowered citizens for pursuing social and environmental well-being. The initiative works to shift prevailing narratives, raise the bar for corporate transparency and accountability, build a movement of leading business leaders and companies, and ultimately, to contribute to improving public policy and relevant rules working alongside civil society coalitions. The initiative has had noted success in contributing to significant advances in the transparency of company ownership (beneficial ownership), has played a role in the increasing adoption of open contracting by a wide range of governments, and is pursuing work on responsible taxation and protection of civic rights and civil society. Has successfully fundraised 1.9 million USD to support the initiative. Plays a significant role in organisational strategy, learning and evaluation.

CORELAB, New York, USA

Head of Research, 2013 – 2016

Led research and advocacy collaborations with civil society, business, universities, and international organisations. Specialised in brokering projects involving diverse stakeholders, facilitating advocacy strategy development using theory of change methods, and undertaking high quality policy and program relevant research and evaluation, focused on social movements and how change happens. Projects include a ten country study on how local social movement activists experience support from outside foundations, INGOs and governments for Rhize, OSF and the Atlantic Council; research on private sector engagement in humanitarian contexts for UNICEF; leading a Mid-Term Review of Transparency International Secretariat's Implementation Plan; developing and testing new theory of change methods for ActionAid in Uganda and Nigeria; research on the post-2015 agenda for ODI; facilitating strategy development for the Malala Fund and research on non-judicial redress mechanisms for corporate human rights abuses in India and Indonesia with a consortium of universities.

ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (RMIT UNIVERSITY), Australia, Vanuatu & Solomon Islands

Adjunct Associate of the School of Economics, Finance, and Marketing, July 2011- December 2013

Co-led research on vulnerability and resilience to economic shocks (food, fuel prices and economic crisis) involving 1600 household surveys, 75 focus groups, and 50 key informant interviews conducted in twelve communities across urban and rural Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. Designed qualitative research focusing on gendered dimensions of vulnerability and resilience. Trained 60 researchers in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Co-authored book chapters and policy briefs.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA, Various locations

Research and Evaluation Consultant, April 2012 – April 2013

Produced a literature review on theories of change for engaging northern constituencies on global issues; conducted a meta-evaluation of six programs including in South Africa, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka; advised on research methods.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA, Melbourne, Australia

Research Manager (Head of Research), November 2007- July 2011

Led development, implementation, and review of a three-year organization-wide research strategy. Built a team of eight staff, garnered over \$5m of external funding for research relevant to Oxfam's ends and developed significant research partnerships with more than ten academic institutions. Led international research across twelve countries into the human impacts of the global financial crisis with a strong focus on impacts on informal and reproductive economies. Undertook policy development and advocacy on economic and gender justice. Led the development of an organization wide

Gender Justice hub to facilitate integrated programming, evaluation, and research. Advised and collaborated with local staff and partners on research in Indonesia, the Pacific Islands, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Timor-Leste, South Africa, and Australia. A review in 2011 found clear cases where the team's research work made programs and advocacy more effective in contributing to positive changes in peoples' lives.

MONASH UNIVERSITY, Melbourne, Australia

Adjunct Associate & Member, Governance Committee of the Oxfam-Monash Partnership, 2010-July 2011

Led development and governance of \$2.9 million Oxfam-Monash Partnership. Designed a process for Oxfam partners and staff from 15 countries and academics from 10 disciplines to develop common agendas and design action research projects including the gendered impacts of climate change in Bangladesh, participation in health policy in South Africa and community accountability in Cambodia.

GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS LOBBY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Sydney, Australia

Committee of Management Member and Co-Convenor Equal at Love, 2005-2007

Elected twice to the Committee of Management of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby. Co-convened the *Equal at Love* campaign in 2006-2007, which successfully campaigned for the Australian Federal Government's removal of over 100 areas of discrimination against same sex couples from Federal Law in 2008. Lobbied politicians, wrote submissions, developed policy and campaign strategy, and collaborated with *Getup!* on digital campaigning. Acted as GLRL media spokesperson for two years doing TV, radio and print interviews on policy issues relating to gay and lesbian rights.

OXFAM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS, Sydney, Australia

Program Coordinator, Mar 05 – Nov 07; **Program Officer (Research & Communications)**, Sept 04-Mar 05.

Managed a three-year program for 300 young people active in social justice issues across 90 countries. Established an action research project on social change. Led large impact assessment project. Facilitated access, training, and support for African, Asian and Pacific Islander young people working on HIV and AIDS and agriculture to the World Trade Organization negotiations and to advocate for trade justice in their own countries. Supported the development of a gender justice program to connect activists working on gender justice and LGBT rights across countries.

JUSTICE SACKVILLE, FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA, Sydney, Australia

Research Associate, 2004 –2005

Researched judgments, journal articles, and public speeches.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF CLRI, Sydney, Australia

Research and Policy Officer, 2004

Conducted research, advocacy and community organising on five issues: refugees, Indigenous reconciliation, women in prisons, ecology and trade justice. Wrote policy submissions, organised community events and produced publications.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

LL.M., September 2013, 3.9 GPA

Honours: Dean's Graduate Award Scholar

Activities: Private Global Governance Research Project, Institute for International Law and Justice
Paper selected for International Law and Human Rights Student Scholarship Conference

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Sydney, Australia

LL.B., November 2004 (Distinction Average)

Honours: Finalist, Jean-Pictet International Humanitarian Law Competition, France, 2005

Activities: Refugee Assistance Project and Native Title Representative Body Research Project

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Sydney, Australia

B.A. in Politics and International Relations (First Class Honours), November 2002

Honours: Zappia Prize for Best Results in Politics and International Relations Honours, 2002

UNSW Honours Scholarship for Academic Merit, 2002

Prize for Best Results Upper Level Politics and International Relations, 2001

Activities: *Nexus – Australian Youth Network* (developed into vibewire.org), Co-founder and Vice-President
Student Guild, Elected Councillor, and Member of the Women's Committee

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

May Miller-Dawkins (forthcoming), '(Hydro)power politics: the evolving global, private, hybrid governance of 'sustainable hydropower'', in Benedict Kingsbury, and Richard Steward (eds.) (forthcoming), *Global Hybrid and Private Governance: Standard-Setting, Market Regulation, and Institutional Design*, Oxford University Press.

May Miller-Dawkins (2017), [Understanding Activism: How international NGOs, foundations and others can provide better support to social movements](#), Rhize and The Atlantic Council.

Kate Macdonald, Shelley Marshall and May Miller-Dawkins (2016), [Beyond Effectiveness Criteria: The possibilities and limits of transnational non-judicial redress mechanisms](#), Corporate Accountability Research Project.

Kate Macdonald, Shelley Marshall and May Miller-Dawkins (2016), [Redress for Transnational Business-Related Human Rights Abuses in the UK](#), Corporate Accountability Research Project.

Kate Macdonald, Shelley Marshall, May Miller-Dawkins and Kristen Zornad (2016), [Redress for Transnational Business-Related Human Rights Abuses in Australia](#), Corporate Accountability Research Project.

May Miller-Dawkins (2016), [Is the Juice Worth the Squeeze? A guide for communities, workers, civil society and trade unions considering using transnational non-judicial redress mechanisms](#), Corporate Accountability Research Project.

Kate Macdonald and May Miller-Dawkins (2015) 'Accountability in International Development Financing', *Global Policy Journal* – editors of special section.

May Miller-Dawkins (2014), [Global goals and international agreements: Lessons for the design of the Sustainable Development Goals](#), Working Paper 402, Overseas Development Institute.

May Miller-Dawkins (2014), [9 Ways to Change the World? Theories of Change for Engaging People on Global Issues](#), Corelab.

Annabel Brown and May Miller-Dawkins (2014), [Transparency International Secretariat Mid Term Review Final Report](#).

Simon Feeny and May Miller-Dawkins (2014), 'Vulnerability and Resilience to Shocks in Melanesia' in Simon Feeny (ed), *Household Vulnerability and Resilience to Economic Shocks*, Ashgate.

Jaclyn Donahue, Kate Eccles and May Miller-Dawkins (2014), 'Reinforcing Vulnerabilities: Gendered and Age-based Experiences of Economic Shocks in Melanesia' in Simon Feeny (ed), *Household Vulnerability and Resilience to Economic Shocks*, Ashgate.

Simon Feeny, Lachlan McDonald, May Miller-Dawkins, Jaclyn Donahue, and Alberto Posso, (2013), 'Household Vulnerability and Resilience to Shocks: Findings from Solomon Islands and Vanuatu', *SSGM Discussion Paper 2013/2*, Australian National University.

Duncan Green, Richard King and May Miller-Dawkins (2010). *The Global Economic Crisis and Developing Countries*, Oxfam International.

May Miller-Dawkins and Roy Abimanyu (2010), *The Real Story Behind the Numbers: The impacts of the global economic crisis 2008-2009 on Indonesia's women workers*, Oxfam International.

May Miller-Dawkins (2008), *Partnering with our neighbours? Realising the potential of Pacific Partnerships for Development*, Oxfam Australia Briefing Paper.

May Miller-Dawkins, Sanushka Mudaliar, and Nicole Woodfield (2008), *A Global Force for Change: Contributions of Young people in the OIYP Network to a Fairer World*, Oxfam International.