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**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- 2002- Present:                   **Council on Foreign Relations**, New York, NY  
*Senior Fellow, U.S. Foreign Policy*
- Founder of the Women and Foreign Policy Program at CFR; Raised \$3 million to endow program chair.
  - Expert in political and economic development in the Middle East and South Asia
  - Frequent op-ed writer, media commentator, and lecturer in academic and business settings
- 2000 – 2002:                   **NursingHands, Inc.**, New York, NY  
*Chief Executive Officer*
- Raised venture capital from leading institutional investors to create recruitment/distance learning business for healthcare/nursing profession
  - Sold company in 2002 to NurseWeek, a division of Jobson Publishing, LLC; company is now owned by Gannett.
- 1992 – 2000:                   **McKinsey & Company**, New York, NY  
*Principal*, Financial Institutions Group, 1998-2000
- Co-leader of the North American Insurance Practice
  - Led Financial Institutions Research Group (30 person research team).
  - Founder of the Firm’s Investment Management Practice in North America.
  - Active pro-bono contributor, working closely with the New York City Partnership and the NYC Board of Education.
- Associate*, 1992 – 1998
- Provided strategy and management consulting to leading financial and healthcare institutions in the U.S., Europe and Asia.
- 1990-1991:                   **The Brookings Institution**, Washington, D.C.  
*Research Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies*
- Researched, lectured and published in several academic journals on international economics and trade policies.
- American University**, Washington, D.C.  
*Adjunct Professor*
- Developed and taught a course on U.S.-Japan relations.

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:**

- 1987-1990:                   **Oxford University**, Oxford, England
- M.Phil and D.Phil. in International Relations
  - Attended Oxford on a Marshall Scholarship
- 1983-1987:                   **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ
- BA, *Magna Cum Laude*, Woodrow Wilson School & East Asian Studies

**OTHER:**                   Advisory Board, National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Board member, Student Sponsor Partners. Active supporter of several other not-for-profit educational initiatives. Member, Council on Foreign Relations. Foreign Policy Association Whitehead Fellow. Married with 5 children.

## RECENT SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- 2008: *Paradise Beneath Her Feet: Women and Reform in the Middle East* (Random House 2008)
- 2007: *Controversies in Globalization and Public Policy*. Eds. Peter M. Haas and John A. Hird. Congressional Quarterly Press. 2007
- “There are Grounds for Hope in Afghanistan,” by Isobel Coleman and Craig Charney. *The Globe and Mail*. June 18, 2007
- 2006: “The Kingdom’s Clock,” by Isobel Coleman and Rachel Bronson. *Foreign Policy*. September/October 2006
- Strategic Foreign Assistance: Civil Society in International Security*, Isobel Coleman: Co-Author, Hoover Institution Press. July 2006
- “The Arab World is Experiencing the First Tremors of a Youthquake,” *Dallas Morning News*, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- “Women, Islam and the New Iraq,” *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2006
- 2005: “Saudi System is the Problem,” by Rachel Bronson and Isobel Coleman, *Dallas Morning News*, May 7, 2005.
- “Iran’s Bitter Lessons for Iraq,” by Swanee Hunt and Isobel Coleman, *International Herald Tribune*, February 7, 2005.
- “Defending Microfinance,” *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, Winter, 2005.
- 2004: “The Pay-Off From Women’s Rights,” *Foreign Affairs*, May/June, 2004.
- “Beyond the Burka: The Future Of Afghan Women’s Rights,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Summer 2004.
- “Gender Disparities, Economic Growth and Islamization in Pakistan,” *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars*, July 2004.
- “Post-Conflict Reconstruction: The Importance of Women’s Participation in Afghanistan and Iraq,” Testimony before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, March 11, 2004.

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