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Summary of Qualifications

- **Manager** Commanding team builder/project manager with oversight for as many as 300 people with project budgets in excess of \$2.5 million (first worldwide benefit gala for Pediatric Aids); hired support staff and trained peer-to-peer educators in Egypt, Uganda and Kenya; managed monthly budgets exceeding \$200,000;
- **Program officer/ Policymaker/Strategist** Managed portfolio of grants and programs (PIWH) in Kenya, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Uganda and the DRC. Established a foundation (Sultan of Brunei), authored successful grant proposals for NGOs and NPOs including UCLA-SPH, LCC, PIWH and the WHO. Responsible for setting objectives, policymaking, funding projects, managing and assigning deliverables, monitoring and evaluation;
- **Researcher/Writer** Worked with earth scientists (SIO), medical professionals (UCLA, WHO) and social scientists (RAND, UNDP, USAID, UNICEF), able to comprehend and discuss scientific concepts and medical data, research projects and the needs of physicians and scientists. Coordinated, delivered research and evaluated projects for IPSOS, USAID, UNDP, UNESCO, WHO and many other NGOs across a range of contexts and issues, including in gender-based violence, child marriage, and maternal/child/reproductive/sexual health in several African countries.

Areas of Expertise and Skills

As multi-cultural, multi-sectorial, global woman, Dr. El Wardani has had two overlapping careers, the first in global public health, development and academia (1994-2018) and the second in arts, culture and journalism (1988-2018). Her world professional experience has shaped her into a person that communicates well with people of varied backgrounds, callings and professions. With 40 years of experience in conceptualizing, planning, implementing, funding and evaluating projects in culture, education, international development and public health, Nile speaks English, French, Arabic and Spanish. She received her PhD and MPhil from the University of London and her MPH from UCLA. As an activist and Public Health professional, Nile's work has centered on contributing to greater social equality, human rights, cultural diversity and justice for all.

Selected Professional Experience (Chronological)

Guest Lecturer, San Diego State University School of Public Health & UCSD School of Medicine, Global Health Department (2015 to present)

- Graduate level lectures on *Global Health Systems & International Development Work*

Substitute Teacher, The Bishops School, La Jolla, CA (August 2016 – 2017)

- Advanced Placement Substitute Teaching: American and World History, English, French, Social Sciences, Religion and Ethics, World Language, Political Science and Arts at The Bishop's School, an independent, co-educational college-preparatory day school San Diego. Founded in 1909.

Associate Adjunct Professor, American University in Cairo (2012-2015)

- Faculty Member of Public Policy and Administration Department, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, American University in Cairo, Egypt
- Taught Academic Writing and Research Methods and served as Career Counselor
- Created curriculum and taught Community-based-learning graduate courses in 1) Global Health Issues and Policies, 2) Strategies and Communications for NGOs and 3) Raising Public Awareness through Television Production
- Produced Public Service Announcements for Egyptian TV and UNDP for External Affairs (Subjects: Public Health, Environment, Domestic Abuse, Political and Religious Tolerance) See: nileelwardani.org/videos
- Served as Mentor/Career Advisor/Thesis Advisor/Committee Member for Public Policy Masters Students.

Research Director, Public Affairs, Ipsos (Worldwide Research Firm) Egypt (2013-2014)

- Masterminded business development for Ipsos Egypt to start up the first Public Affairs Research Division in the Middle East/North Africa Region
- Directed Political, Social and Economic research and Public Affairs Surveys
- Directed outreach and public affairs by meeting with government, private and public sector stakeholders
- Educated potential clients (UN and Government Agencies, NGOs, Universities, Egyptian Political Parties and Candidates) on research methods and Ipsos services
- Developed new clients including UN Women, the American University in Cairo, Goldman Sachs and Egyptian Parliamentary candidates and parties

Lead Research Consultant, World Health Organization (2012-2013)

- Research consultant with Integrated Service Delivery Team (ISD) and Department of Health System Development (HSD), World Health Organization - Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
- Researched and analyzed the first baseline study of the Private Health Sector in twelve countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- Interfaced with twelve Ministries of Health for data collection and analysis
- Standardized data collection and analysis across twelve Ministries of Health
- Jointly published the First Baseline Study of the Private Health Sector (twelve countries) for presentation at the Regional WHO Conference in Tunis October 2013

Program Director and Vice President, The Levantine Cultural Center, (2005-2012)

- Co-directed the premier pan-cultural center for the Middle East in Southern California, which combines peace-building and cultural diplomacy with arts, media outreach and external affairs
- Co-produced an average of five cultural diplomacy events/programs monthly including: academic authors, literary and musical events, speakers, comedians, art shows, symposiums, youth events, theater, poetry readings, photo exhibits and more
- Developed strategic plans and provided technical assistance; Wrote grant proposals and development plans; Provided overall management of staff and interns
- Served as a spokesperson for the Middle East community in Southern California; Hosted and produced a weekly Talk Radio Show on KPFC Pacifica Radio 90.7FM in Los Angeles covering current events, culture and politics of the Middle East

Program Director Africa/Middle East - Pacific Institute for Women's Health, Los Angeles, CA (2002-2004)

- Managed a portfolio of grants in Africa and the Middle East promoting health education, adolescent health, reproductive health and income generation with the goal of reducing unwanted pregnancy, reducing HIV/AIDS and STDs

- Oversaw programs contributing to the education, health and empowerment of women and girls in Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya and Burkina Faso. Wrote curriculum and conducted educational training for peer advisors to pass information on.
- Functioned as consultant to local African NGOs in the areas of sexual and reproductive health rights of women and adolescents, income generation and community based participation models
- Provided technical support to African NGO partners (on-site) in design, implementation, research and evaluation of programs addressing women's health needs, empowerment and violence against women
- Served as a spokesperson on African women's and adolescents' RH rights in professional forums

Lead Project Consultant - UNESCO, Cairo, Egypt (1999-2000)

- Developed joint project and curriculum with UNFPA and UNICEF on "Meeting the Needs of Adolescent Health: The Participation by Adolescents in Reproductive Health Information, Education and Communication
- Built relationships and liaised with the Egyptian MOHP, Supreme Council of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Information
- Served as network connection between all stakeholders for communication and implementation efforts

Lead Education Applications Specialist - Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt and USAID (1998-1999)

- Conducted Research and Technical Needs Assessment of Continuing Education and Distance Learning amongst the target audience of primary health care providers in rural Egypt
- Oversaw data collection, quality control, carried out surveys and face-to-face interviews with primary health care providers in three governorates in Egypt
- Evaluated data and reported to the MOHP on the needs for continuing education and distance learning among primary health care providers in the public sector
- Developed joint program with MOHP and Ministry of Higher Education to meet medical continuing educational requirements

Lead Program Consultant - World Health Organization, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), Alexandria, Egypt (1993-1998)

- Established an Extra Budgetary Fund Raising (EBFR) program for EMRO
- Researched and created the first database of funding agencies for EBFR
- Established protocol for EBFR, standardized project proposals and grant writing
- Trained regional advisors and WHO country representatives in EBFR and proposal writing
- Served three consultancies totally 20 months as lead program consultant in International Development Leadership and Administration

Director Pre-Production/Research Development – Children's Television Workshop (CTW) Cairo, Egypt (1995-1998)

- Envisioned, spearheaded and initiated the research and development of the Egyptian indigenous production of Sesame Street or *Alam Simsim* - high profile public Health and Education USAID-funded Project
- Researched, campaigned, advocated, wrote grant proposals and solicited financial, political and technical support for CTW to come to Egypt
- Led and funded all CTW Fact Finding Missions to Egypt for technical needs assessment
- Engaged and enrolled Egyptian experts in children's education, health, rights, psychology, television production and development
- Recruited Egyptian teachers, artists, sociologists, anthropologists, producers and parents into the process
- Fostered the patronage and support of First Lady Madame Suzanne Mubarak and the Egyptian Ministers of Health, Education, Information and Culture
- Succeeded in get project "Green Lit" by President/CEO of CTW in New York

- *Alam Simsim* aired throughout Egypt for 7 years on terrestrial TV reaching 95% of the population with a focus on public health specifically nutrition, safety and hygiene

Director EICM - Egyptian Ministry of Health/Population (MOHP), Cost Recovery for Health Project, URC primary contractor (1995-1997)

- Director of Education, Information, Communications & Marketing (EICM). Served as one of 13 senior advisors USAID \$90 Million project that grew to \$210 Million with World Bank and EU
- Conducted baseline data collection and research on primary health care needs in Egypt and created materials and trainings to educate the public on CRHP
- Established Information, Education, Communications & Marketing systems, protocols, stakeholder communications and oversight committees
- Wrote and directed trainings and implemented IECM programs in five key pilot MOHP hospitals and polyclinics affecting thousands of health care providers and 100s of thousands of end users
- Directed and carried out qualitative and quantitative research with the goal to enhance affordability, accessibility, sustainability and quality of MOHP hospitals throughout the country

Selected Lectures & Presentations

Higher Education Curriculum Development, Mentoring and Courses Taught:

American University Cairo - Graduate Level: Developed Curriculum and Taught 1) Global Health Issues and Policies, 2) Raising Public Awareness Through Television Production, 3) Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

Forum Nexus Study Abroad – Undergraduate Level: Developed Curriculum and Taught: 4) Gender Issues in the European Union, 5) Health Care Systems of the European Union, 6) Mass Media, Journalism and Globalization: European Perspectives, 7) Immigration, Integration, and Identity in Contemporary Europe

Public Lectures & Presentations:

- San Diego State University School of Public Health & UCSD School of Medicine Global Health Division – Visiting Lecturer – *Global Health Systems & Development Work: Progress, Regression & Overlap* – 2015 to present
- UCLA Fielding School Public Health - Participant and Co-Chair, The Ruth Roemer Social Justice Symposium - Unpacking the Refugee Experience: Stories, Studies, and Services, April 12, 2016
- UCLA Bruin Career Development Seminar – panelist and mentor to undergraduates Jan. 2016
- Professor Lecturer American University in Cairo (2012 – 2015)
- Presented Paper at Cairo Conference “Iraq 10 year later” (June 2013)
- Frequent community panelist, moderator and presenter of Middle East cultural events including human and social rights activists, authors, poets, musicians, filmmakers and academics. (2005 to present)
- Regular guest on NPR - KPCC 89.3 FM Air Talk Re: The Egyptian revolution (2001 to present)
- Host/Producer - Pacifica Radio KPFC 90.7 FM Los Angeles, CA – Radio Intifada is a weekly hour radio show. Topics: Human Rights Issues in MENA, Political Reform in Egypt, The Future of Iraq: A Viable Exit Strategy, Women’s Reproductive Health in North Africa (2005-2010)
- Presenter – American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Women’s NGOs and their ability to impact national policies regarding reproductive health issues in Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey (Nov. 2004)

- Panel Organizer/ Moderator – American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Health Impacts of War in the Middle East (Nov. 2004)
- Guest Lecturer – University of Arizona Tucson, Law School, Lectured on International Development and Procedural Justice (Feb. 2003, 2008)
- Guest Lecturer - California State University, Hayward, Calif. Lectured on Development Work in Egypt, Anthropology Dept. Middle East Studies (Aug. 2002, 2004, 2010)

Awards, Board Positions, Memberships and Hobbies

Awards:

- Middle East Award for Social Science Research funded by the Arab Bank for Development, the Ford Foundation and the Population Council (2002 – Awardee)

Board Positions:

- UCLA Fielding School of Public Health Alumni Board Member (2004-present)
- American Public Health Association (2004-present) Member
- Egyptian Council on Foreign Affairs (2012-present) Member
- Levantine Cultural Center - Advisory Board Member (2005-present)
- Pacifica Radio KPFK 90.7FM Los Angeles, Board Member (2005-6)

Memberships: American Public Health Association, National Council for International Health, Muslim Public Affairs Council, ACLU, Human Rights Watch, Progressive Jewish Voices

Hobbies: Tennis, Scuba Diving, Swimming and Violin