

# Richard Alexander Johnson

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## Professional Profile

An experienced Toronto-based writer, editor, photographer and consultant, I have been published in several leading Canadian magazines (*The Walrus*, *This Magazine*) and the *Globe and Mail* newspaper, and hold a Masters degree in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University. I am currently on leave with the National Magazine Awards Foundation and am working as a volunteer consultant to the People's Rural Education Movement in Orissa, India.

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## Professional Experience

2010-2011 Communications Advisor, People's Rural Education Movement (PREM), Berhampur, Orissa, India  
2006-2010 Communications Manager, The National Magazine Awards Foundation, Toronto ON  
2008 Interim Features & Opinions Editor, Ryerson *Free Press*, Toronto ON  
2006 Editorial Intern, *The Walrus* magazine, Toronto, ON  
2006 Freelance Fact Checker, *Maisonneuve* magazine, Montreal, QC  
2006 Contributing Editor, *Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction*, Toronto, ON  
2005-2006 Research Consultant, Angel Editions publishing, Toronto, ON  
2004-2005 Photographer, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
2004-2005 Bibliographic Assistant, Widener Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
2004-2005 President & Editor, *Justice for Palestine* at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA  
2003 Assistant Office Director and English Teacher, Amideast, Sousse, Tunisia  
2002 English Teacher, Amideast, Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine  
2002 Researcher and Photographer, The Jenin Inquiry, West Bank, Palestine  
2001-2002 Volunteer, Palestine Red Crescent Society, West Bank, Palestine  
2000-2002 Freelance Writer and Photographer, West Bank, Palestine  
1999-2000 Tech Support Specialist, Trinity University Computing Center, San Antonio, TX  
1998 Volunteer Social Worker, al-Mahata Refugee Camp, Amman, Jordan

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## Education

2003-2005 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA – Master of Arts, Middle Eastern Studies  
2004 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel – Intensive Modern Standard & Journalistic Arabic  
2000-2001 Birzeit University, West Bank – Intensive Arabic language program, Colloquial & Modern Standard Arabic  
1994-1998 Trinity University, San Antonio, TX – Bachelor of Science, Finance/Economics

## Grants

2004-2005 Foreign Language/Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, \$46,000 (US)  
1994-1998 Presidential Scholarship, Trinity University, \$40,000 (US)

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## Languages

English (Native), Arabic, French, Spanish, Oriya (in progress)

## Publications

A list of publications and photography (exhibits & essays) is available online at [www.canadazone.com](http://www.canadazone.com)

## References

References, writing samples, and photography portfolio available upon request.