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ACADEMIC HISTORY

Oxford Brookes University, UK School of Social Sciences and Law Anthropology Department Degree Program : Masters in Primate Conservation	2002 – 2004
National University of Singapore Department of Biological Sciences Degree Program : Bachelor of Science Major : Biology	1999 - 2002
Catholic Junior College, Singapore GCE 'A' Levels	1995 - 1996
Saint Gabriel's Secondary School, Singapore GCE 'O' Levels	1991 - 1994

CAREER EXPERIENCE

ACRES (Animal Concerns Research and Education Society) 2001 – Present
Founder, President (From 2001 until 2006) and Executive Director (since 2002)

- Led ACRES from a volunteer-run organisation to an organisation with over 20 full-time staff members and with an annual revenue of over one million Singapore dollars.
- Led ACRES to be the first Animal Protection NGO in Singapore to expand its work internationally and established the ACRES offices in Australia and Lao PDR.
- Panelist at over 100 youth and public forums, empowering and inspiring youths and members of the public to make a difference for the community.
- Featured in over 1,000 media stories and television programmes throughout the world.
- Conducted over 2,000 roadshows and/or talks creating much-needed awareness on animal protection issues and empowering the community to make a difference.
- Fostered a spirit of volunteerism and active citizenry in Singapore with volunteers contributing over 10,000 volunteer hours at ACRES annually.
- Organised the first-ever community dialogue session with politicians on animal welfare issues in Singapore in 2010. The dialogue has continued as an annual event and so far has taken place in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015.
- Established the first-ever 24-hour wildlife crime hotline in Singapore which has helped to clamp down on the illegal wildlife trade.
- Established Singapore's first wildlife rescue centre to help combat the illegal wildlife trade and rescue injured native wild animals. Over 4,000 wild animals were rescued within the first five years of operation.
- Conducted undercover investigations and sting operations into the illegal trade in tiger parts, bear products and live reptiles in Singapore leading to a clampdown on the illegal trade and a significant decline in the illegal trade in Singapore.
- Launched a series of public events to tackle the trade in and consumption of sharks fin. Following the campaign, hotels, supermarkets and restaurants have stopped the sale of sharks fin in their premises.
- Launched the first-ever grant in Singapore to empower members of the public, especially students, to act on their passion and make a difference for animals and the community in Singapore. To date, more than a hundred students have received the grant.
- Organised three international animal welfare conferences in Singapore, creating the much need platform to share experiences and best practices to make a difference for animals.

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| World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
Consultant | 2003 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted assessment of and wrote a report on the living conditions of captive bears in Japan. | |
| Environment and Animal Society of Taiwan (EAST)
Consultant | 2002 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted assessment of and wrote a report on zoos in Taiwan. | |
| 10th Commando Battalion (Singapore Armed Forces)
Reservist Commando fighter | 2000 – 2010 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in annual training and military exercises. | |
| 1ST Commando Battalion (Singapore Armed Forces)
Commando fighter | 1997 – 1999 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained extensively in tropical rainforest. • Trained in Singapore, Thailand, Brunei and New Zealand. • Completed courses in unarmed combat, jungle survival, radio transmission, demolition, landmine warfare, small boat operation and parachuting. | |

VOLUNTEER WORK

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| PAP Joo Chiat Branch
Volunteer | 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with activities at the Meet-the-People sessions. | |
| Kembangan-Chai Chee Citizen Consultative Committee
Committee Member | 2014 – 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with the grassroots activities in the Kembangan-Chai Chee constituency. | |
| PAP Kembangan-Chai Chee Branch
Volunteer | 2014 – 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with activities at the Meet-the-People sessions. | |
| Singapore Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration Committee
Committee Member | 2013 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with building up mutual understanding on animal welfare in Singapore through the sharing of views. • Assisted with strengthening multi-stakeholder collaboration to promote animal welfare in Singapore. | |
| Singapore Animal Welfare Legislation Review Committee
Committee Member | 2012 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with the drafting of new animal protection legislation and Codes of Practices in Singapore. | |

Chong Pang Community Club Management Committee **2009 – 2014**
Committee Member

- Assisted with the Community Club activities.

Chong Pang Youth Executive Committee **2009 – 2013**
Animal Welfare and Environment Secretary

- Oversaw animal welfare and environmental programmes in the Chong Pang constituency.
- Organised the first-ever community dialogue with politicians (Dr. Maliki Osman and Dr. Lim Wee Kiak) on animal welfare issues in Singapore in 2010.
- Organised the first-ever Public Forum on Animal Welfare Policies in 2011 with Mr. K Shanmugam, Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law.
- Organised the second and third Public Forums on Animal Welfare Policies (2012 and 2013) with Mr. K Shanmugam, Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law.
- The Chong Pang Public Forum on Animal Welfare Policies resulted in momentous animal protection policy changes in Singapore, including increases in penalties for animal cruelty.
- Embarked on successful pilot programmes for the keeping of cats in HDB flats and also ending the culling of stray cats in Chong Pang.

PAP Chong Pang Branch **2008 – 2014**
Volunteer

- Assisted with activities at the Meet-the-People sessions.

World Animal Day **2009 – Present**
Singapore ambassador

- Coordinated World Animal Day activities in Singapore.

International Primate Protection League (IPPL) **2003 – Present**
Singapore representative

- Coordinated IPPL's primate protection work in Singapore and Asia.

Nature Society Singapore **1999 – 2000**
Executive committee member of youth wing, Jalan Hijau

- Took part in an educational exhibition on dolphin conservation.
- Organised educational exhibition with regard to the conservation of apes. This exhibition was sponsored by the National Geographic Channel.
- Gave talks in schools regarding the conservation of apes.

Singapore Zoological Gardens **1999 – 2000**
Docent and volunteer chimpanzee keeper

- Set up interactive educational displays at the primate kingdom.
- Brought visitors on educational tours in the primate kingdom.
- Learned about the general husbandry of chimpanzees.

KSBK: Animal Conservation for Life (Indonesia) **1999 – 2000**
Singapore Representative

- Promoted the importance of conservation in Indonesia through exhibitions in Singapore.

**Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)
Volunteer**

1992 – 1993

- Assisted the SPCA in raising funds for animal protection programmes.

AWARDS

- Received the Advocate of the Year award in the inaugural Singapore Advocacy Awards in 2014.
- Received the inaugural Yahoo! Singapore 9 award in 2011 which recognises nine Singaporeans who really made a difference in the past year.
- Received The Outstanding Young Persons of Singapore Award in 2007.
- Received the HSBC (HongKong and Shanghai Bank Corporation)/NYAA (National Youth Achievement Award) Environmental Award (Merit) in 2002.
- Received the Certificate of Achievement from NYAA for having successfully organised and participated in a 17-day long overseas community project at Mae Salong province in Changrai, Northern Thailand, in 2000. The project helped to improve the living conditions of the local tribal community.

ACTIVITIES

- Invited by the U.S. Department of State to attend the International Visitor Leadership Program in "NGO Management in the U.S." in 2010.