

MATTHEW BOLTON

An aid worker, freelance writer and academic, with first-hand experience of humanitarian operations in eleven countries, notably Bosnia and Iraq. Author of a book and a weekly newspaper column.

FORMAL EDUCATION:

- ❖ **PhD in Government** (Oct. 2005-Present), London School of Economics and Political Science. Research on the politics of foreign aid for landmine clearance in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Sudan. Fully funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. Supervisors: Prof. Mary Kaldor and Dr. Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic.
- ❖ **MSc in Development Studies (Research)** (Sept. 2004-Sept. 2005), London School of Economics and Political Science. Thesis analyzed the political economy of demining privatization in Bosnia.
- ❖ **BA (Hons) majoring in History and Religion**, minoring in German (Aug. 1998-Dec. 2001), Graceland University. GPA: 3.96. Thesis studied the politics of a US church's expansion into Japan and India.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Humanitarian and Development Worker

- ❖ Worked in Bolivia, Bosnia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Kenya, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Sudan, US and Zambia.
- ❖ Five years experience (2002-2007) with food security, humanitarian assistance, participatory development, education and landmine action projects, with UNICEF, Counterpart International, Outreach International, WorldService Corps and the Community of Christ World Hunger Fund.
- ❖ Designed projects, conducted needs assessments, trained staff and wrote reports and proposals for programs funded by private donors, USDA, IOM, UNHCR and US State Department.

Freelance Writer

- ❖ Authored a book, *Apostle of the Poor: The Life and Work of Missionary and Humanitarian Charles D. Neff*. Published by John Whitmer Books (Nov. 2005).
- ❖ Co-authored a report, *Bosnia's Political Landmines*, on the corruption of demining privatization. Foreword by former UK politician and BBC war correspondent Martin Bell. (Sept. 2006).
- ❖ Foreign correspondent for *The Examiner* (Independence, Missouri, USA). Wrote weekly columns on international affairs and travel from Afghanistan, Bolivia, Bosnia, Dominican Republic, Hungary, Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Sudan, Switzerland, UK and US (Oct. 2003-Present).
- ❖ Published over 240 articles and photographs in 13 publications including *Jane's Foreign Report*, *IPI Global Journalist*, *Journal of Mine Action* and *Transitions Abroad*.
- ❖ Member of British National Union of Journalists.

Academic

- ❖ Taught seminars and graded essays for a graduate level complex emergencies course at the London School of Economics and Political Science (Oct. 2005-June 2006).
- ❖ Counterpart International Scholar-in-Residence – ran a seminar series on complex emergencies, conducted research for program development and wrote a policy paper on development food aid (June to Oct. 2006)
- ❖ Co-taught an in-situ undergraduate course on poverty and development in Nicaragua for Graceland University (Jan. 2002).
- ❖ Assistant to the Professor of History and Peace Studies at Graceland University (Aug.-Dec. 2001).

KEY COMPETENCIES:

- ❖ **Methodical researcher:** Master's degree focused on social science research methods.
- ❖ **Lucid communicator:** Can speak and write clearly, creatively and concisely; can edit and proofread.
- ❖ **Computer literate:** Can use desktop publishing, photo-enhancement and web design software to creatively layout text and graphics for print or web publication.
- ❖ **Cross-culturally savvy:** Have traveled in over 25 countries. Dual British and US citizen.
- ❖ **Linguistically able:** Skills (in order of ability) in Spanish, Serbo-Croatian, German, French and Persian.

SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS:

The full list of over 240 works in 13 publications is available upon request.

Books:

Bolton, M. (2005) *Apostle of the Poor: The Life and Work of Missionary and Humanitarian Charles D. Neff*. Independence, Missouri, John Whitmer Books.
<<http://www.jwha.info/publications/johnWhitmerBooks.asp>>.

Reports:

Bolton, M. & Griffiths, H. (Sept. 2006) *Bosnia's Political Landmines: A Call for Socially Responsible and Conflict-Sensitive Mine Action*. London, Landmine Action.
<http://www.landmineaction.org/resources/Bosnias_Political_Landmines.pdf>.

Journal Articles:

Bolton, M. (2004) "New Variant Famine or New Variant Nonsense? Exploring the HIV-Hunger Link in Zambia." *Food Forum*. Final Issue. pp. 6-7.
<<http://www.foodaid.org/pdfdocs/foodforum/2004/2004Final.pdf>>.

----- (Spring 2004) "A Flicker of Hope in Conflict's Moral Twilight." *Dialogue*. Vol. 37, No. 1. pp. 180-185.

----- (Aug. 2003) "Mine Action in Bosnia's Special District: A Case Study." *Journal of Mine Action: Landmines in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus*. Issue 7.2. pp. 25-31.
<<http://maic.jmu.edu/journal/7.2/focus/bolton/bolton.htm>>.

Magazine Articles:

Bolton, M. & Welty, E. (Sept./Oct. 2006) "Surviving as an Aid Worker: How to Stay Alive, Sane and Healthy on Humanitarian Assignments." *Transitions Abroad*. pp. 70-73.

Bolton, M. (5 Dec. 2005) "Kinshasa chances it in Bosnia's Brčko." *Jane's Foreign Report*.
<<http://www.foreignreport.com/>>.

----- (Sept./Oct. 2004) "Becoming an Aid Worker." *Transitions Abroad*. pp. 58-59.
<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/publications/magazine/0409/becoming_an_international_aid_worker.shtml>.

----- (Second Quarter 2004) "Getting Past the Image of Saddam." *IPI Global Journalist*. pp. 25-26.
<<http://www.globaljournalist.org/magazine/2004-2/journalists-journal.html>>.

Newspaper Articles:

----- (21 Oct. 2006) "A different view of a hectic, bustling city in midst of war." *The Examiner*. p. 4A.
<http://www.examiner.net/stories/102106/mat_102106018.shtml>.

----- (14 Oct. 2006) "Pop the right question: What do you know about that diamond ring?" *The Examiner*. p. 4A. <http://www.examiner.net/stories/101406/mat_101406016.shtml>.

----- (8 Apr. 2006) "Aid worker presses ahead, trying to make a difference." *The Examiner*. p. 4A.
<http://www.examiner.net/stories/040806/mat_040806023.shtml>.

----- (25 Mar. 2006) "A life in search of peace." *The Examiner*. p. 4A.
<http://www.examiner.net/stories/032506/mat_032506018.shtml>.

----- (25 Feb. 2006) "Protests affect average people." *The Examiner*. p. 4A.
<http://www.examiner.net/stories/022506/mat_022506013.shtml>.

----- (23 July 2005) "Puppets help children get the message on landmines." *The Examiner*. p. 4A.
<http://www.examiner.net/stories/072305/mat_072305026.shtml>.

----- (25 Oct. 2003) "A Different Reality on the Ground in Iraq: Letters from Iraq." *The Examiner*. p. 5A.
<http://www.examiner.net/stories/110103/yes_bolton_10001.shtml>.

Online Articles:

----- (2005) "Nikola Kokorus tells of life after landmine injury." *UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina*.
<http://www.unicef.org/bih/reallives_3259.html>.

----- (Jan. 2005) "Aid Agencies Prefer Professionals to Inexperienced Volunteers." *Transitions Abroad*.
<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/publications/magazine/0501/aid_agencies_prefer_professionals_to_volunteers.shtml>.