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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

I am applying to Acrobat Outsourcing because I believe Acrobat is the company most suited to my personal goals for work/employment. After a decade in academia, I am leaving that field and shaping a new career. In the past, I thoroughly enjoyed my experience working in food service and in the retail/customer sector: in particular, I like the fast pace of the job, the constant interaction with others, and the daily sense of satisfaction at providing nutrition for people. I have decided that this is how I want to spend my time and earn my living in the coming years. Working at Acrobat would also allow me the flexibility to pursue my lifelong artistic dreams. This year I will be writing and producing a musical album; I feel that through Acrobat I will be able to work 40+ hours a week when necessary and also be able to work 20-30 hours a week when I require the remaining time to work on my art. All in all, Acrobat would open the doors to multiple workplaces where I can utilize my existing skills in food service and learn more about the industry, while doing what I love.

WORK EXPERIENCE (selected):

Server , Fiesta Cafe, Champaign, IL	May - Aug 2000
Server at a Mexican restaurant and bar. Also helped as a barback and with bussing tables.	
Bookseller , Borders Books and Music, North Canton, OH	Oct 2003 - Apr 2004
Sales Representative, Customer Service, Cashier	
Reference Services Consultant , Honnold Mudd and Seeley Mudd Libraries, Claremont, CA	Sept 1999 - Aug 2003
Provided clients with research and technical assistance; handled libraries' computers, printers and copy machines	
Lecturer , Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA	Jan - Feb 2015
Prepared and taught a college course "Global Reggae"	

SKILLS:

ServSafe Food Handlers Certificate

Computer Skills: Advanced Knowledge of Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint and Pages/Numbers/Keynote, experience with Database Management and Point-of-Sale Softwares, experience with writing detailed reports.

Language Skills: English, Tamil, Portuguese, Spanish

EDUCATION and FELLOWSHIPS (selected):

Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh Apr 2013
Degree in History/Ethnomusicology, supervisor: Dr. Lara Putnam
Dissertation: *"Jamaica Brasileira: The Politics of Reggae in São Luís, Brazil, 1968-2010"*

Fulbright Fellow 2010 Mar - Dec 2010
Research Grant to São Luis, Brazil for Dissertation Research

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Pomona College, Claremont, CA May 2003