

## SHARINI KULASINGHE

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### EDUCATION

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#### **New School University**

Master of Science in Global Finance

**New York, NY**

August 2008 (*expected*)

- GPA: 3.9/4.0

- Relevant coursework: Financial Markets and Valuation, Risk Management, Introduction to Stochastic Processes

#### **Bard College**

Bachelor of Arts in History

**Annandale-on-Hudson, NY**

May 2006

- GPA: 3.7/4.0

- Member, *Omicron Delta Epsilon* International Economics Society (2005 – 2006)

- Relevant coursework: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Development Economics, Money and Banking

### EXPERIENCE

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#### **Seed Capital Development Fund**

*Program Associate*

**New York, NY**

*January 2007 to present*

- Help structure first hard currency loan to a Sri Lankan microfinance institution in collaboration with the Exchange Control Board of Sri Lanka Central Bank

- Hired web-designer and managed development of website that increased traffic by 20% within two months

- Participated in workshops to determine structure of facility providing FX risk management solutions for microfinance investment funds and analyzed data to estimate demand for services

#### **Banyan Global (formerly Global Micro-enterprise Initiatives)**

*Intern*

**New York, NY**

*January 2006 – May 2006*

- Conducted in-depth analysis on local microfinance industries and selected financial institutions for global survey of women's access to finance commissioned by the International Finance Corporation

- Edited, standardized and redesigned company training material on post-conflict microfinance used in Aceh, Indonesia in 2006

#### **Bard College Curricular Computing**

*Faculty Technical Assistant*

**Annandale-on-Hudson, NY**

*October 2002 – November 2005*

- Consulted with faculty members on incorporating technological tools into their courses

- Supported Director to improve customer service and grow use of e-learning software by 10% annually

- Made recommendation on purchase of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Bard College that was implemented in 2005

- Organized and conducted trainings on GIS for faculty in conjunction with Director

#### **New York Regional Association of Grantmakers (NYRAG)**

*Intern*

**New York, NY**

*May 2005 – August 2005*

- Turned failing project on NYRAG members' response to Indian Ocean tsunami into key initiative of 2005 by streamlining data collection, incorporating statistical analysis and working with consultants to formulate recommendations for future disaster response

- Helped write disaster grant making manual published by NYRAG (<http://tinyurl.com/lswmx>)

#### **John Keells Stock Brokers**

*Research Assistant*

**Colombo, Sri Lanka**

*May 2003 – August 2003*

- Worked with Senior Analyst to provide investment research on healthcare sector

- Wrote paper linking Sri Lankan political environment and Colombo stock market used for internal training

### LEADERSHIP

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#### **Bard College Asian Students Organization**

*President*

**Annandale-on-Hudson, NY**

*2003, 2005*

- Coordinated campus-wide events that explored constructs of identity through performance

- Worked with faculty and students to organize workshop on politics of humanitarian aid

### SKILLS

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Languages: English, Sinhalese (Fluent)

Computer: Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Access, Power Point, Outlook) Bloomberg (Proficient)

Excel/VBA, MatLab, Mathematica, CorelDRAW, GIS (Intermediate)