

ben cocker curriculum vitae

personal details

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tv credits

- September 2006 - Dec 2006 *La Comandante Saenz (52')*, 2007, Production Manager
Move a Mountain Productions for CanalSur, Spain
A landmark historical biography on Manuela Saenz: South American revolutionary, feminist icon and lover of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of Latin America from Spain.
- June 2006 - August 2006 *The War Against Women (90')*, 2007, Researcher
Move a Mountain Productions for France 3
A film about the systematic use of rape as a weapon of modern warfare. My role writing the film and finding contributors required determination and sensitivity.
- February 2006 - May 2006 *The South Bank Show*, Runner
Arts and Features, ITV
Provided assistance at all stages of production. Responsible for logging and keeping track of rushes, responding to viewers' requests and general office duties.
- December 2005 *The Boys Who Killed Stephen Lawrence (60')*, 2006, Runner
Documentary and Contemporary Factual, BBC
Our team went undercover to obtain general footage of the suspects. I supported the assistant producer and researcher and liaised with base on our activities.
- November 2005 *The South Bank Show*, Work Experience Researcher
Arts and Features, ITV
I carried out background research into a future South Bank Show, helped out with the runner's tasks and was shown around the London Television Centre.
- October 2005 - Nov 2005 *The Tower (8x60')*, 2007, Work Experience Researcher
Documentary and Contemporary Factual, BBC
Based in Deptford *The Tower* documents the gentrification of the Pepys Estate as the Aragon Tower, a former council block, is sold off for redevelopment. As work experience I provided support researching, on shoots and logging rushes.
- May 2005 History Unit, Specialist Factual, BBC
Researched themes for the next UK History season, producing a portfolio of detailed programme plans for a forthcoming commissioning meeting.

other employment

- January 2006
- Feb 2006 Universal Productions, London
Carried out a variety of tasks for this music and corporate video production company. Filmed a press conference held by lobbying organisation *Forest* at the Houses of Parliament as well as DVD authoring on DVD Studio Pro and Motion.
- June 2004
- June 2005 Shaftesbury Housing, London
As Central Services Administrator developed and administered the web-based customer and intranet systems and SQL database.
- October 2001
- Sept 2003 Shell International Exploration and Production, The Hague
As a Research Engineer engaged in technical consultancy and the development of the in-house software tool for my discipline. Modelled in Excel with VBA before delivering a specification to programmers. Unit tested before every release date.
- July 2000
- June 2001 The Cape Town Connection, Africa
With a friend cycled 10,000 miles from Cape Town to Sheffield. Using media as a primary tool, we raised £7,000 for the two Children's Hospitals in these cities. Built and maintained website to keep everyone up-to-date with our progress.

education

2004 - 2005	Tower Hamlets College	Access to Documentary & Narrative Video
2003 - 2004	School of Oriental & African Studies	MA (Hons) African History, Merit
1997 - 2000	Cambridge University	BA (Hons) Mathematics, 2:1
1990 - 1997	Bradford Grammar School	4 A-levels, A

additional skills

- Production Practical experience of the entire production life-cycle.
- Editing Extensive use of Final Cut Pro, Avid Express, After Effects, Motion, DVD Studio Pro.
- BBC Training Full Production Safety Course.
- Computing Web-based programmer using ASP and SQL. Advanced user of Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator and Paint Shop Pro. Totally conversant Microsoft Office.
- Languages Working knowledge of written and spoken Arabic and French.
- UK Drivers Licence Full and clean.
- Sport Regularly play squash and run to a competitive level, and also play football and cricket.

references

- Cathy Haslam Head of Production, Arts and Features, ITV
Television Centre, Upper Ground, London, SE1 9LT
Cathy.Haslam@itv.com
- Anthony Wonke Series Producer/Director *The Tower*, BBC
White City, 201 Wood Lane, London, W12 7TS
Anthony.Wonke@bbc.co.uk
- Elizabeth McKay Executive Producer, Move a Mountain Productions
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