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Nana Aburjanidze is a young, determined, and strong-minded business professional from Republic of Georgia. She is currently seeking a Master's Degree of Business Administration from the David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah. Despite her young age, Nana has 12 years of work experience both in NGO and private sector with six years of higher management experience. As the Managing Director of AGB Nielsen Media Research, Nana developed and promoted TV audience measurement (TV ratings) in Georgia for four years prior to entering the master's program. Managing a representative office of research like AGB Nielsen Media Research gave her an unique opportunity to lead the Georgian TV and Advertising market towards data analysis-based decision making for programming and advertising spending. Nana's work experience also includes employment in companies like Philip Morris, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), BeMobile, Georgian University, and the Georgian National Council of Dance and Sport Dance.

Nana participated in the Global Village Program as an intern in 2003 and is honored to come back as a guide in 2009 to welcome new GV family members. Upon completion of her graduate education, Nana plans to return to Georgia and become an entrepreneur.

## Miguel Fernando Alfaro Bazan



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Miguel Alfaro is a MBA and an architect from the Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas in Peru and Universidad Polit cnica de Catalu a in Spain and has participated in professional seminars at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. He has six years experience working for small, medium and larger projects as the owner of ARQUIGRA Architectural Studio. The projects have encompassed a wide range of design and function, in both commercial and residential construction, including office buildings, urban town homes, and beach houses.

ARQUIGRA's clients include such well known enterprises as Coca Cola Company, Cadbury Company and many others transnational companies doing business in Per . In ARQUIGRA, Miguel has the responsibility to manage the business, close the negotiations with several and different clients, discuss financing options with the banks and plan the marketing and advertising of ARQUIGRA. He currently has projects in Per , Bolivia and Australia.

Miguel's personal mission is to help build the better world he envisions through his professional endeavors. He has a genuine passion for design and construction. He also loves to travel and discover different cultures. After his broad exposure to the world as an intern in Global Village 2007, Miguel spent 2008 living and working as a supervisor for the construction of a resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

## Adeniyi Bankole



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Adeniyi Bankole is a lawyer and an entrepreneur. He has extensive work and academic experience in international development, having worked recently with the United Nation's FAO Liaison Office in New York. He is an alumnus of the Fordham University Law School's International Lawyers Program and also an alumnus of the Lee Iacocca Institute's Global Village for Future Leaders in Business and Industry Programme in Pennsylvania, USA. Adeniyi represented Nigeria at the 7th World Business Dialogue Conference in Cologne, Germany. He was also a notable participant at the Harvard Projects for Asian and International Relations both in Sydney, Australia and in Seoul, South Korea and was also at the E-ducation without Borders in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Adeniyi is currently a partner at Cravath Attorneys and Solicitors in Lagos Nigeria where he heads both the legal drafting team and the commercial/corporate services team. Adeniyi is also the Director of The Intern Academy, a non-governmental organisation he founded recently. The organisation is committed to Youth and Leadership Development and Empowerment amongst African Youth and has within a short while, created strategic partnerships with notable universities, organisations, country and business leaders in Nigeria. The organisation's innovative programs and strategies has given it a major platform for country-wide impact and also fast propelling it to the forefront of youth development in Nigeria and in Africa as a whole. Adeniyi continually demonstrates his passion for the empowerment of youth and capacity development through his workshops, speaking schedules and campus tours. He has the unique ability to motivate people to raise their level of expectations and aspirations for greatness.

## Ioana Belu



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As I was sitting on the lovely roof terrace of a riad (Moroccan traditional home) in the ancient medina (old city) of Marrakesh, indulging myself with the pleasures of the true traditional Moroccan life-style, I have decided that it is the perfect opportunity to start writing my bio for the Global Village, for what other moment could suit the GV spirit better? I am in the middle of a cultural journey, accompanied by a fellow Villager who came to visit me so that we can discover this wonderful country together.

Global Village is a program that changed my vision of life and understanding of things and I will say it out loud every time I get the chance to do so. I was part of the 2004 program and ever since then my passion for exploring foreign cultures never stopped deepening. Upon completion of my studies in Bucharest, Romania, in 2003, where I got my Bachelor degree in Financial Investment, I started working in the banking sector and stayed there for almost 5 years (in banks like Raiffeisen, Societe Generale, la Caixa), enjoying challenging assignments, i.e. being the credit/risk responsible for granting European Union funds to developing regions with Societe Generale or opening the first branch of la Caixa in a foreign country, always working in multicultural environments. Luckily I decided to quit banking right before the crisis struck - not because I had access to inside information, or if I did, because I was more intelligent than the rest and could read the signs better - far from it! - but because I realized that it was not a field that satisfied my thirst for knowledge and exploration.

A fruitful combination of my experience with my masters in Development Economics from Aix-Marseille III University (France) helped me seize a coveted job opportunity as an economist-journalist, writing country reports for a media agency and traveling the world while at it. I gained an in-depth understanding of foreign cultures and a broad experience in finding mutual connections and ways of communication. In my projects I have been surrounded by remarkable people, from glamorous ministers and CEOs to the simple folk, cleaning personnel or taxi drivers - all making an immense contribution to my learning experience in each country.

I have had several projects in many parts of the world, participated in international events (i.e. the World Economic Forum recently) and I excitedly look forward to each time when I am being told what my next destination will be.

## Catharina Bratt



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Catharina Bratt comes from Stockholm, Sweden and is a GV alumna (GV'02) and a second-time Guide (GV'07). She has been working as a management consultant at Accenture in Stockholm for the past four years, currently focusing on Finance & Performance Management and Sustainability consulting. Prior to joining Accenture, she had internships with the Swedish Foreign ministry's representation in Geneva (working with international organizations and NGO's) and with a software company in Bangalore. Besides Switzerland and India she has lived in the UK, Ireland and Germany. She speaks Swedish, English, German and basic French.

Catharina's interest in environmental issues has led her to recently participate in several climate projects; one aimed at turning Accenture into a more environmental friendly company. In another project she has collaborated with people with different backgrounds to develop ideas on how to reduce carbon emissions in society. As she enjoys being an entrepreneur, she has just started her own small business within the area of health care products. In 2006-2007 she served as founding President of Global Village Network (GVN), the Global Village alumni association.

Catharina graduated in 2004 with an MSc in Economics and Business Administration, and a CEMS Master in International Management from the Stockholm School of Economics. In her spare time she enjoys social life, windsurfing, skiing, reading, dancing and learning the guitar.

## Adam Grinfeld



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Adam is a GV07 alumnus, born in Israel and residing in Tel-Aviv in an amazingly small apartment. At the age of 29, Adam is an experienced business development manager and an aspiring entrepreneur. He has over 5 years of experience in Business Development through his different roles at m-systems (the inventor of USB Flash Drives) and later at SanDisk - the leader in flash based products. Amongst his roles, Adam was responsible for SanDisk's R&D Incentives Program activities in which he successfully established and managed partnerships with key technology companies across the globe to jointly develop new technologies including the Solid-State-Drive (SSD), mobile and portability technologies. In his latter role, Adam was responsible for developing the eco-system for SanDisk's gaming business and was the point of contact for many of the tier-1 gaming publishers and consoles vendors including Nintendo, Sony, Microsoft, EA, Viacom's Gaming Division, Real Games, Ubisoft and many others.

Currently, Adam is assisting several startup ventures to develop their business models and product offering as well as providing consulting services for mid-sized technology companies in funding from governmental sources.

Adam received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration focusing on Entrepreneurship and Information Technologies from IDC Herzeliya in 2005 and is now targeting MBA programs in the US for the year of 2010. Adam holds dual citizenship, as an Israeli and a Canadian, but defines himself as an Israeli. With family in Canada and United States and business partners in many places around the globe, Adam got a glimpse at what the world looks like, but is confident there are many more places to visit.

Adam lives by the role of "Just Do It" and "Smile! Everything is for the better". In his leisure time, Adam loves to spend time with his friends and family, read about current matters in business and politics and to play his beautiful Fender Stratocaster....

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Barbara was an intern in the 2006 Global Village, representing Peru, her country of birth and where she was living at that time. However, it is probably more accurate to say that she is a citizen of the world, because from a very young age she moved with her family from one country to another and always loved "getting to know the rest of the world". Now, some years later, after living in four continents she is looking forward to visit continent number five someday.

Barbara obtained her BA in Business and Marketing and after that worked for two years at Ernst & Young in the Business Development area, she then moved onto Marketing Planning at Belcorp International where she was part of the team that managed Chile and the launching of the brand in Argentina.

Some years later she decided to pursue a new career path and moved to Italy to attend a master's program and obtain her degree in International Tourism and Leisure from MIB School of Management. After her studies she completed a six-month internship at Starwood Hotels & Resorts in Venice in the E-marketing and Revenue Management department and is currently working in Lebanon as a consultant in rural development projects financed by the European Union and the Italian Cooperation.

Her biggest passions are to travel and learn about other cultures; her goals are to learn French, do the Inca trail and complete a longer clown course.

## Mrs Irene Magistro



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Irene Magistro is a specialized lawyer in the management of personal data and in the application of ISO standard.

She is a very skilled management consultant for business organizations in the health field and a certified trainer of governmental studies for the professionals in this field. Before her specialization in the health domain, she had 10 years experience managing business organizations in a wide variety of disciplines and specialties.

Irene joined the Global Village Program in 2008. The motivational power of Global Village gave Irene the skills and the courage to open her own first innovative activity center for children. Her current enterprise in early childhood education is only the first in a planned project to create a chain of these unique "kindergartens".

Irene is married to Salvatore and is mother of one little boy (Antonio 2 years old).

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Andrey is a GV06 alumnus, born in Russia and currently resides in Bethlehem, PA. Having received his Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Accounting from Khabarovsk State Academy of Economics and Law in 2002, he is currently pursuing an MBA degree in Lehigh University with planned graduation in December of '09.

In the intervening years between his undergraduate and graduate studies, Andrey worked as chief accountant for a religious organization. There he restored their accounting and financial reporting system. Later together with a partner, Andrey started a company in construction. During the course of their enterprise, he drafted and executed numerous construction and renovation contracts, established relations with the major trading companies specializing in construction materials, and coordinated the work of subcontractors on large projects.

Subsequently, Andrey moved to other construction companies where he honed his management skills as the executive responsible for operations management. Among other projects during this period, he prepared the Communication System Project "Eastern Siberia - Pacific Ocean" pipeline and completed the divestiture of the Horizontal Directional Drilling Department into a subsidiary "Dalsvyazresurs Ltd."

Presently Andrey is a teaching assistant for Finance 125 at Lehigh where he is sharing his knowledge and love of financial issues with other Lehigh students, and he LOVES it.

In his spare time Andrey enjoys snowboarding, reading and singing karaoke with friends. Andrey is not afraid of new things and is open to challenges that make one leap forward.

Andrey is very excited about being a guide in GV09, and, most of all, he is looking forward to his chance to recreate the amazing experience he went through in 2006 (with some modifications - watch out). Making new friends and expanding the GV family is priceless.