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Skills and achievement: I have had a 40 year career in the field of media, government, and politics and now specialise in web broadcasting. During 2017 I have continued to report, write and broadcast within academia on economics, business, innovation, and technological change in the digital age. I also report one day a week on women in British politics and public policy. I am a Policy Associate at the Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge.

During 2017 I have just completed work with the CBR, the CSA, The Boston Consulting Group and the MEITS (Multilingualism: Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies) and again with the global business agency WPP writing film scripts on India and China. Brexit features large in this work.

In May 2017 I published a third book on the work of women MPs in Westminster and the issues they champion and set up a third national audio archive of the interviews we conducted at the History of Parliament Trust alongside those housed at the LSE and the British Library. My www.parliamentaryradio.com team won an Honourable Mention in the IAWRT (International Association of Women in Radio and TV) awards. We were the only UK winner. A documentary "Through the Looking Glass" I reported and produced on the General Election in Cambridge in May 2015 with 70 interviews across party with the support of the City Council has also been lodged with the History of Parliament Trust which plans to use it as a prototype for other such audio records.

I have been at the forefront of the "convergence" agenda and on January 1st 2009 was awarded an OBE for "Services to Broadcasting and PR".

January 1999 to present: Director, ECS (Effective Communication Strategies)

Since 2008 I have worked freelance broadcasting and writing for a handful of Cambridge University Departments in the field of education, business, innovation and economics. At The Centre for Business Research at the University of Cambridge I regularly edit its Blog Content and have secured audio interviews with leading academics turning them into articles. I am also working regularly with the Cambridge Service Alliance at the IfM producing blogs and podcasts. The exam board Cambridge Assessment have been a client.

I have worked as correspondents in print, radio and TV journalism covering Nuclear Energy, Local Government, Home Affairs, Social Affairs, Education, and now Economics and Business too. I was often directly "on-air" reporting live on TV and radio in the Eastern Region, and nationally for BBC Radio 4 and BBC News 24. I was then promoted to Editor. I have made documentaries for BBC2 on Education and Special Needs and outputted over 100 half hour programmes for the BBC in charge of the Gallery and all the reporting staff and live link-ups.

I have just completed a significant body of "collaborative" work over twelve years charting women's recent political history. I have written a new book "When There's a Woman in the Room – Women in Parliament Part 2" (May 2017), a follow up to "When There's a Woman in the Room Part One (March 2014) and "Women in Parliament: the New Suffragettes," (Methuen September 2005). All three publications are based on interviews with over 550 women MPs across all parties since 2004, some in government.

In the early 1990s I was Elected as a Fellow at the Department of Education at the University of East Anglia when I worked as an Education Correspondent for the BBC. In 2008 I was nominated for a "Women in Public Policy" Award. I was awarded a Research Associate status at SOAS in 2011. As a Policy Associate at the Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge I regularly produce work covering economics, law and the global economy. I have conducted many in house training sessions in the media. My website www.bonisonesproductions.com has favourable testimonials. I write creatively about Suffolk.

Previous career in journalism:

I am a trained BBC TV and Radio correspondent, a BBC TV political editor, was chosen to help set up BBC News 24, worked for BBC Radio 4 and have all the presentation skills, organisational skills, technical skills, financial skills and knowledge of media that this requires. I have overseen budgets of £1 million a year, line managed up to 20 staff and written performance appraisals. I am an experienced film and programme maker. I am a skilled presenter and interviewer. I have trained and mentored some of the young names on BBC TV today and in the charity sector.

Nov 1997 to Jan 99: BBC News 24. Senior Broadcast Journalist.

April 1995 to Nov 1997: BBC Television East. Series Editor East at Westminster.

1993 to 1995: BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. Senior Producer.

1991 to 1993: BBC TV East. Local Government and Education Correspondent.

1987 to 1991: BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. Radio reporter and producer.

1985 to 1987: Cambridge Evening News. Assistant News Editor, Features Editor.

1982 to 1985: Cheltenham Source. News Reporter and Women's Page Editor.

1978 to 1982: News and Feature Reporter, East Anglian Daily Times and Ipswich Evening Star.

1975 to 1978: Trade Union Research officer for BIFU and then NALGO.

Awards:

- October 2015 "Honourable Mention" the IAWRT ((International Association of Women in Radio and TV) awards
- In September 08 I was voted one of the 20 most influential women in Britain by Women in Public Policy Magazine. I was also nominated for the Dods Scottish Widows female political journalist of the year award 08.
- I have also been a nominee for the Channel 4 Political Awards in January 2008 and a nominee for the Orwell Prize in journalism in 2005 for my book and work with women politicians.
- I help judge the Chartered Institute of Public Relations Excellence Awards, Broadcasting.

Education:

1971/73: 2:1 BA Hons, Public Administration, Leicester Polytechnic.

Special positions:

- *June 2014: Policy Associate, Centre for Business Research, Cambridge University.*
- *Autumn 2011: CISD Research Associate at Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, School of Oriental and African Studies, London*
- *Summer 03: Chosen and trained to be lay-member Home Office selection panels helping to recruit Chief Prison Officers, Chief Fire Officers and Chief Constables through the high potential development scheme.*
- *In 1993: I was Elected Education Fellow, University of East Anglia.*