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Fluent in English & French   Seoul

Almost too calm productive irritant, neurodivergent researcher, bricoleur and flâneur

Employment

- Research partner, *University of Glasgow*, on the *Older Autistic's Kit* (OAK) project that investigates older Autists' experiences of technology and is developing a website to identify venues and services appreciated by them (September 2021 to present).
- Research partner, *University of Glasgow*, on the project: *A society fit for autistics: overcoming the barriers, challenging stereotypes and enabling autistics to take their place in the world* (2017 to 2020).
- Copywriter, hi-tech startup, London, UK (2018).
- Chief analyst, *Inpro Licensing*, London, UK (2010 to 2012).
- Freelance journalist, London, UK (2005 to 2010). Wrote for *The Guardian* (2005), *The Register* (2007-2009), *Red Pepper* (2009), the *Campaign Against Criminalising Communities* (2009), the *Coalition Against Secret Evidence* (2009), and *Black Mental Health* (2010).
- Editor – Developer Program, *UIQ Technology*, London, UK & Ronneby, Sweden (2006 to 2008).
- Technology editor, marketing strategy manager, developer outreach manager and security alert team co-chair, *Symbian Software*, London, UK (2000 to 2006).
- Editor, *EXE Magazine, Centaur*, a monthly software developers' magazine, London, UK (1994 to 1999).
- Freelance journalist, London, UK (1993 to 1994). Wrote for *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *PC Direct*, *What Personal Computer*, *01 Informatique*, *Le Journal du Téléphone*, *Byte European Reseller*, and *Eurotrade*.
- Senior editor, *PC Expert, Ziff-Davis*, Paris, France (1991 to 1993).
- Software engineer, *P.N.B.*, Paris, France (1990 to 1991).
- Research & development engineer and project leader, *Microformatic*, Paris, France and Moodus, Connecticut, USA (1989 to 1990).
- Visiting lecturer in telecommunications, *IBM*, Paris, France (1989 to 1990).
- Technical director, *Euratec*, Paris, France (1986 to 1987).
- Software developer, *Téléinformatique*, Paris, France (1985).
- Computer course examiner, *Institut de Gestion Sociale*, Paris, France (1985).
- Software developer, *Caisses Centrales de Mutualité Sociale Agricole*, Paris, France (1984 to 1985).
- Visiting lecturer in computer science, *Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1)*, Paris, France (1984 to 1986).
- Computer instructor, City of Paris InterClub 17, Paris, France (1984 to 1985).
- Freelance journalist, Paris, France (1982 to 1991). Wrote for *PC-News*, *Info-PC* and *Décision Micro* (1989 to 1991), *Soft & Micro* (1987 to 1989), and *Génie Logiciel*, *Que Choisir*, *Goupil Revue* and *Microtel-Infos* (1982 to 1986).

Civil society

- Researcher, *Forest Media | 숲생각*, an artist collective (2022 to present).
- Admin team member, *Autopia* Discord server (2020 to present) and *Autscape* Discord server (2020 & 2021).
- Board member (2015 to present) and director (2015 to 2018), *AutAngel*.
- Restarter (2012 to 2023) and London volunteer coordinator (2014 to 2017), *The Restart Project*.
- Advisor to the *Challenging the Criminalisation of Autistic People* support and campaign group (2017 to 2022).
- Independent Custody Visitor (ICV) in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington (2010 to 2021); vice-chair (2013 to 2021).
- Member of the *Hackney Safer Neighbourhood Board* (2015 to 2021).
- Member of the *Nottinghamshire Autism Police Partnership* (2018 to 2020).
- Participant in the Sheffield *Autism Dialogues* (2018).
- Chair of publications, *Autscape*, a conference by and for Autists (2015 to 2018).
- Member, *London Borough of Hackney Autism Alliance Board* (2016 to 2019).
- Advisory board *NO2ID* (2012 to 2017).
- Advisory board, *Privacy International* (2011 to 2015).
- Member of Islington Borough's stop and search monitoring group (2010 to 2011).
- Legal observer (2010).
- Member of *Amnesty International* (2006 to 2010).
- Member of *Liberty* (2005 to 2011).
- Founding member of the *Open Rights Group* (2005 to 2006).
- Participated in the creation of *Mobile Monday London* (2005).
- Associate member of the *Free Software Foundation* (2003 to 2015).
- Co-founder and co-sysop of the *OS/2 MANiA* association (1990 to 1992).
- Member of the *Association for Computing Machinery* (1987 to 2009)
- Member of the *Association Francaise pour la Cybernétique Economique et Technique* (1987 to 1989).
- Participated at local, regional and national level in the *Microtel* and *Adémir* associations (1980 to 1987).

Published photographic work

- Cover photograph of Radical Philosophy 2.13 and photographs accompanying two articles (2022).
- Cover photograph of the Autscape 2022 Handbook (2022).
- Cover photograph of Radical Philosophy 2.12 and photographs accompanying three articles (2022).
- Cover photograph of the Autscape 2019 Handbook (2019).
- One of the photographs in Piccoli, G.B. and Mery, D., Sister earth, our common home, *Journal of Renal Nutrition* (2017)
- Photograph published by The Telegraph (2016).

Academic publications

- Piccoli, G.B. and Mery, D., 2017. Sister earth, our common home: toward a sustainable, planet friendly approach to dialysis, a paradigm of high technology medicine. *Journal of Renal Nutrition*, *27*(6), pp. 478-484.
- Mery, D.P., 2016. Does data cleaning disproportionately affect autistics? *Autism: the international journal of research and practice.*
- Mery, D., 2003. Why do mobile phones need a different operating system? *Computing and Control Engineering*, *14*(6), pp. 20-25.

Book chapters

- Hersh, M. et al, 2020. 'Accessing services and social interaction: strategies used by autistic people' in Milton, D. et al (ed.) *The Neurodiversity Reader*, Pavilion Publishing.
- Mery, P., 2020. 'Manipulation of Words' in Hegland, F. (ed.) *The Future Of Text, Volume I*, Future Text Publishing.
- Mery, P. 2015. 'Calm, almost too calm' and ' Terminology' in Hearst, C. (ed.) *Being Autistic – Nine adults share their journeys from discovery to acceptance*, AutAngel.

Speaking engagements

- Presented at the 2023 Neurodiversity Forum (신경다양성 포럼) on *Autistic Space*, Korea (2023).
- Guest lecture on repair culture to BA Product Design students at Central Saint Martins, UK (2019).
- Presented at the The Politics of Autism conference on *Participatory and Autistic-led initiatives in the UK*, France (2019).
- Presented at ESTAS, a Korean Autistic organisation, on several Autistic initiatives in the UK, South Korea (2018).
- Presented at the PARC Autistic Fringe (Glasgow) on *About spoons and spudgers: community repair for neurodivergents*, UK (2018).
- Facilitated a session at Fixfest UK 2018 on *(Better) repair events for neurodivergents & anyone lacking spoons*, UK (2018).
- Facilitated a session at Fixfest 2017 on *Fixing events for and with neurodivergents and people with mental health issues*, UK (2017).
- Presented on the work of Independent Custody Visitors to the Hackney Safer Neighbourhood Board, UK (2016).
- Spoke at the V&A Friday Late on *Why and how to become a restarter with the Restart Project*, UK (2015).
- Spoke at the OpenTech session on *Why and how to become a restarter with the Restart Project*, UK (2013).
- Keynote speaker at the public debate *Surveillance, Politics and Civil Society*, UK (2010).
- Spoke at a workshop on *Fighting the law and winning* for the ten years of Indymedia, UK (2010).
- Guest speaker at a public meeting of the *Pan African Society Community Forum* on civil liberties, UK (2009).

Interviews

- Television and video: *Lush Showcase*, France (2018); *Deutsche Welle, Focus on Europe*, Germany (2015), *WOWOW, Finding 1984*, Japan (2014); *National Autistic Society, Ask Autism*, UK (2014); *ORF, Welt Journal*, Austria (2012); *Sky News, Sunrise*, UK (2009); *Mega TV, The Files*, Greece (2007); *BBC One, Politics Show*, UK (2006); *Sky News, Today*, UK (2005).
- Radio: *Restart Radio*, UK (2017; 2018; 2020); *BBC World Service, Discovery*, UK (2015); *Dissident Island Radio*, UK (2010); *Radio Adelaide, Breakfast with Peter Godfrey*, Australia (2005); *ABC Radio National, Late Night Live*, Australia (2005); *BBC Radio Four, Broadcasting House*, UK (2005); *BBC Radio Five Live, The Way Forward*, UK (2005); *RampART Radio, Indymedia*, UK (2005).
- Print and web: The Establishment, USA (2018), *The Independent* and *i*, UK (2015) *The Voice*, UK (2014), *AFP*, UK (2013); *Cageprisoners*, UK (2011); *Colors Magazine, 'Cease-Fear'*, Italy (2009); *I fought the law, 'Britain's Ten Worst Laws'* chapter, Bantam Press, UK (2007); *The Dallas Morning News*, USA (2005).

Education

- Support Brokerage, *London Brokerage Network*, London, UK 2014 to 2015, awarded 2016).
- Spoon carving, *Barn the Spoon*, London, UK (2014).
- Auditing MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice, *City University*, London, UK (2013 to 2014).
- Independent Custody Visitors, *Metropolitan Police Authority*, London, UK (2010).
- Legal observing, *Network for Police Monitoring*, London, UK (2010).
- International human rights law, *CCJO.RenéCassin*, London, UK (2009).
- Human rights law, continuing education course, *City University*, London, UK (2007).
- Taught MPhil (AEA) in languages, algorithmic and programming, *Université Paris VI*, Paris, France (1987 to 1988).
- MSc (Maîtrise) in computer science, *Université Paris VI*, Paris, France (1986 to 1987).
- BSc (License) in computer science, *Université Paris VI*, Paris, France, (1985 to 1986).
- Undergraduate degree (DEUG) in mathematics, physics and computer science, *Université Paris VI*, Paris, France (1982 to 1985).
- Baccalaureate (Baccalauréat S1) specialised in mathematics, *Ecole Alsacienne*, Paris, France (1977 to 1982).