## 7 APPENDIX

#### 7.1 Curriculum Vitae

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Ph.D. Student at the Institute of Anthropology and Human Biology

1992 – 1995 University of Colorado Boulder, CO, USA

Graduate studies in Anthropology with emphasis in Physical Anthropology, Ecology and Conservation

1991 – 1991 International English Center Boulder, CO, USA

**English Language Studies** 

1990 – 1991 Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany

Graduate studies in Biology with major in Anthropology, minor in Anatomy

1988 – 1990 Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany

Undergraduate studies in General Biology, Zoology, and Botany

1988 – 1988 Ruprecht Karls Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Studies in Egyptology, Archaeology, and Prehistory

1984 – 1987 Abendgymnasium Darmstadt, Germany

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**Professional experience** 

1996 – 1997 Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, Germany

**Student Assistant** 

Teaching Human Biology Undergraduate Course

1990 – 1991 Max Plank Institute for Air-Chemistry Mainz, Germany

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2001 - Present Noldus Information Technology GmbH Freiburg, Germany

• Sales Engineer and Software Trainer

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• Administrative Assistant of the General Management and Human Resources

1996 – 2000 Agency for Temporary Work Berlin, Germany

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1980 – 1981 Public Health Insurance Bensheim, Germany

• Health Insurance Clerk

1976 – 1986 Dental Offices Groß-Gerau, Heppenheim, Germany

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### 7.2 Publications

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