

# Vita

Ken Spear was born in Rocky Mount, Virginia on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975. He attended Lynchburg College for a year and then finished his undergraduate work at Virginia Polytechnic & State University, earning a B.S. in Finance with a Global Business minor and a B.A. in International Studies with a Spanish minor.

His professional experience includes setting up a sales enterprise and running its operations for a summer, interning for a year at Lockheed Martin, where he negotiated contracts in support of government projects, interning at the U.S. Commercial service in Quito, Ecuador, and consulting small business owners on international marketing and contracts, and finance/accounting activities.

After receiving his masters' degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University in Agricultural & Applied Economics he is currently practicing French and Arabic, and spending some time with his new wife. He plans to stay with his wife's family in Morocco, where he will pursue career opportunities, practice language and prepare for his wedding. After his wedding he will either remain in Morocco to gain field experience in international development or enter into the Peace Corps. Following this experience he will join his wife and pursue his PHD in Agricultural & Applied Economics.