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**Note:** The RSN works in partnership with the RMA and the CRNO in the West Restigouche region.

**Q. Place of birth?**

A. I was born in the city of **Brasov** in the region of **Transylvania, Romania.**



To learn more you can go to a YouTube video produced by Rick Steves as part of the *Europe Travel Guide* show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BK8wJJOiB4>

**Q. Did you choose the Fredericton, NB area or did it choose you?**

A. Both.

In 2014, I came to Fredericton to help with a provincial election campaign.

I stayed in the city for two months and liked it.

Subsequently in 2015, I accepted the position of Executive Director of the Green Party of NB.

Since then, I went on to marry a handsome man from the Fredericton area.

**Q. Your passion?**

A. History, travelling, philosophy and political science.

**Q. Favorite leisure activity?**

A. I like to do outdoor activities such as biking, kayaking, skating, hiking, snowshoeing, rollerblading, etc.

I also enjoy yoga and Zumba. I have also taught oriental dance for two years and have been dancing since I was five. I started with ballet and later tried various dances.

**Q. Of our four seasons, which do you prefer?**

A. Fall, because the colors are breathtaking.

**Q. What advice have you appreciated the most life?**

A. Take risks. Life should be a journey of exploration.

Don't be afraid of change and variety, they will broaden your view of the world.

**Q. Your best travel experience?**

A. We lived for two years in the city of Guangzhou in southern China.

It was a great journey and life learning. experience We were

honored to have had the opportunity to learn a little more about the local history and customs.

We even learned a bit of Mandarin / Cantonese and it allowed us to meet some wonderful people.

Also the food is excellent and we really enjoyed it.



**Ahhh China !.**



**A great life experience  
Q. Destination yet to discover?**

A. I like to travel, a lot.

I have had the opportunity to visit more than a dozen countries. And of course, much more remains to be discovered. Here is a small list of my next destinations:

- **Russia**, because I would like to see the Moscow Kremlin, Red Square, the Hermitage Museum, the various palaces of St. Petersburg.

- **Istanbul in Turkey** and taste the excellent food and visit the markets.

- **Thailand**, because a good friend of mine lives there.

- Finally, **Mongolia**, because when we were in Beijing we were exposed a bit to the fascinating history of this country.

**Q. You can dine with any person in history, who would you choose?**

A. **Luciano Pavarotti**. His voice and his compositions are moving. I cry when I listen to his



songs. It's stronger than me. When he sings, he expresses

his passion and his love like no other.

**Q. Favorite quote?**

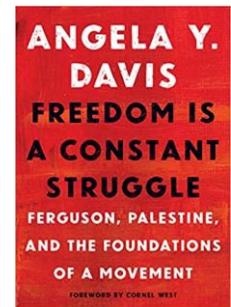
A. *The environment is everything that isn't me.*  
- Albert Einstein.

**Q. Favorite authors?**

A. *Charles Dickens, Dalton Trumbo, Betty Friedan, Rosa Luxemburg and Angela Davis.*

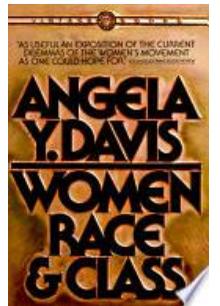
**Q. A book that you recommend?**

A. *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle* (2015)



and *Women, Race and Class* (1981) and written by iconic "Black

Panthers" figure Angela Davis. These are books that explain and analyze systemic issues related to racism, social class issues and masculinist (anti-feminist)

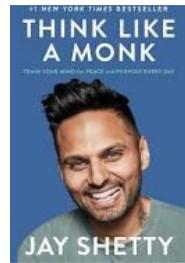


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discourse. The author shares intersectional analyzes that change our perspective and help us better understand these systemic injustices.



**Q. Last book read?**

A. *Like a Monk* de Jay Shetty.

**Q. You are most proud of?**

A. **My parents.**

I am really lucky and so proud to have wonderful parents who have supported me and made my dreams come true.

Without this moral, emotional, budgetary and physical support, I would not come so far.

**Q. You are given a million dollars. What do you do?**

A. I would invest it and with the proceeds would open a small, alternative school that teaches philosophy, linguistics, history, feminist studies, the arts and music. Also, gardening and ecology.

Children need to be exposed to it from a very young age. At

the moment, the education system does not encourage enough the philosophy of logic or even the social sciences. One class here and there in high school is not enough. We must allow human beings to reach their full potential.

**Q. Favorite film?**

A. *Audrey Hepburn* movies.



just so classy

Also ,another film:

*Beyond Borders*

(2003), because it exposes the reality of humanitarian workers.

This film also makes us reflect on the *White Savior* complex.



**Q. Your advice for newcomers who want to settle in New Brunswick?**

A. My biggest regret when I arrived in China was not being

able to speak Mandarin better. **It is really very important to study either English or French before you arrive. Not speaking the local language complicates your life by 50%.** There is now a lot of cheap online software such as **Pimsleur: <https://www.pimsleur.com>**

If you already speak one of the two official languages, **my second tip would be to read a history book about Canada or NB. It helps a lot to know the history of where you live.**

**Q. If you had a magic wand, what wishes would you make?**

A. Nationalize certain aspects of our economy.

Provide access to basic needs such as; clean water, food, safe housing, good education, medicine, energy (heat-electricity), and much more. These should be free, as these are basic needs and human rights.

It's crazy that people spend 80% of their wages on these basic needs!

**Q. Who was the hero of your childhood? Today?**

A. When I was young, my heroine was *Ariel the Little Mermaid*.



Today: *Amy Goodman* and *Juan González*, directors of Democracy Now / Independent



**Q. What are the three biggest challenges that the newcomer to Restigouche must overcome in order to have a successful integration?**

A.

- **Learn French or English;**
- **Find suitable accommodation;**
- and**

- **Find a job.**

It is very important to be well prepared **before** your arrival.

You should prepare **at least a year in advance**, especially if you do not speak one of the two official languages.

There is much that can be done from your country of origin beforehand and online, too.

**Q. The question you detest answering?**

A. Why don't you have children ?

**Q. What would you like to have written on your tombstone?**

A. *Feminist, Militant, Citizen, Beloved Friend. Hopefully, they include the beloved, ha!ha!*

**Q. Share something people do not know about you**

A. I have an artist's resume since I have practiced so many different types of dance and from a very young age.

**Q. The question you wished you had been asked?**

A. *What is your favorite food?*

Food is more than just a meal. It is also a cultural exchange.

**Q. Why one word best describes you?**

A. **Annoying.**



Good-bye

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**Did you know?**

Who are the greatest philosophers of all time?



In ancient philosophy, it was *Socrates* who marked his time, as he was the very first to introduce the concept of philosophy.

He can even be referred to as the inventor of philosophical thought, and his writings have traveled the world for centuries.



In the same period, *Aristotle* was also an illustrious philosopher, being considered as the one who first introduced the concept of logic, a philosopher of all kinds.

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