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PROFILE

- Three years of experience as a reporter, copy editor and web producer
- Political reporter during the Virginia General Assembly 2012 regular session
- Experienced researcher on human interest and social justice stories

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Style Weekly, Richmond, Va.

Editorial and Entertainment Writer, January 2011 – Present

- Write back page editorials on local and national politics, popular culture and health
- “The Second Assault” editorial nominated by Prof. Jeff South for consideration for a 2012 Society of Professional Journalists Hearst Award
- Created a popular online feature on handicapping the Academy Awards in 2011 and published a 2012 update

Editorial Intern, August – December 2010

- Fact-checked for the Arts & Culture section utilizing various resources to confirm critical information about local events
- Developed a facetious entertainment column about odd and ironic 2010 trends portrayed in movies and television programs
- Gained knowledge about news room work and a greater mastery of Associated Press Stylebook writing and editing

Capital News Service, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

Reporter, January – May 2012

- Researched and wrote on education reform, civil rights and women’s right issues during the Virginia General Assembly
- Explored Mixteco community in south Richmond to report on barriers and persistent problems with an isolated immigrant population
- Demonstrated and honed skills in researching and reporting on rapidly evolving issues in the state legislative process

GayRVA.com, Richmond, Va.

News & Views Editor, March 2012 – Present

- Copy edit all news and contributor’s opinion/editorial work
- Communicate with 12 freelance writers to develop a schedule of rotating deadlines to keep online content fresh
- Recognized through a promotion for strong organizational and editorial skills with a consistent ability to meet deadlines with quality

Editorial Intern, January – May 2012

- Write news briefs and articles to develop three to five stories each week; stories vary between 150 – 600 words
- Edit the work of contributing writers and balance topical interests and current event stories
- Manage calendar section; edit for consistent style and appropriate detail
- Research and write one to two investigative stories per month

Commonwealth Times, Richmond, Va.

Reporter and Editorial Writing, Spring Semesters 2009, 2010, 2012

- Reported on and photographed First Lady Michelle Obama’s visit to VCU to announce initiative for increasing mental health research to benefit active and returning military
- Wrote article to be posted by several local online news services and for circulation through listservs

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LEADERSHIP

Say Yes to College, School of Education, William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

Mentor, May 2011, May 2012

- Worked with students with disabilities to prepare for their transition from high school to college
- Shared expertise on obtaining services and accommodations for qualified university students
- Supported autism spectrum disorder students in their personal advocacy for higher education

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bagger, Kroger, Richmond, Va., August 2009 - Present

EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

Bachelor of Science, Mass Communications, May 2012

Concentration: Print Journalism