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PROFILE

Journalist, editor and writer. Topics of expertise include business and legal news, the green energy industry, digital media and technology. Additional experience in enterprise reporting, and special sections writing and layout.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Staff writer, The Prairie Press, Paris, Ill. — January 2024 – June 2024

Duties included writing features and school-related articles for a weekly newspaper that covers the geographic area of Edgar County, Ill. Other duties include posting news stories online.

Co-Editor, The Brazil Times, Brazil, Ind. — March 2022 – September 2022

Duties included design and layout of a paid community newspaper that covers Brazil, Ind. and Clay County, in central Indiana. Other responsibilities included reporting on government meetings and writing features, and social media and website postings.

Freelance Reporter, The Review Republican/Fountain County Neighbor, November 2021–March 2022

Duties included writing feature profiles of area residents and events, and community development stories.

Part-time Reporter, Parke County Sentinel, Rockville, Ind. — August 2020 – May 2021

Duties included covering Council meetings in towns across the county and writing business stories.

Editor, The Review Republican/Fountain County Neighbor, Attica, Ind. — June 2016 – November 2017

Responsible for the design and layout of two paid community newspapers that cover three counties in central Indiana. Other responsibilities included reporting on government meetings and writing features, social media and website postings, community outreach, planning weekly content, and assigning stories/photos to freelancers and one full-time reporter. Additional duties in providing stories for the Lafayette Leader, a monthly business journal in Lafayette, Ind.

Freelance Reporter, The Lafayette Leader, Lafayette, Ind. — July 2015 - May 2016;
Benton Call/Review Republican, Williamsport, Ind. — September 2015 - May 2016.

Associate Editor, HottyToddy.com, Oxford, Miss. — February 2014 – May 2014

Reported on government meetings, business, and controversial statewide laws. Suggested and oversaw new features, including the Daily Crime Report. Wrote local food and restaurant reviews, and features for the Experience the South visitors guide for Northwest Mississippi.

Staff Writer, The State Journal, Charleston, W.Va. — August 2008 – June 2009

Reported on legal cases in the coal and gas industries, the Legislature, elections and tort reform. Experience reporting from the U.S. Supreme Court on the Caperton v. Massey case, for television and print news, on deadline.

Copy Editor, The Dominion Post, Morgantown, W.Va. — September 2003 – July 2008

Edited daily newspaper stories for accuracy, AP style and clarity, and edited special assignment election and weekend publications. Supervised the copy desk when a manager was absent and acted as a head copy editor.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

HR Employment Specialist, Harrison Steel Castings Co., Attica, Ind.

— November 2017 - April 2019

Responsible for the recruiting process and employee onboarding. Duties included creating job postings and advertising, application/resume review, scheduling and conducting initial interviews, determining job offer rates and making job offers, and new employee onboarding, including Orientation. Other duties involved the full life cycle of the employee and assisting with the day-to-day operations of HR while maintaining a strong knowledge of recruiting policy and processes, and other HR processes.

Web Content Editor, Weld, Oak Hill, W.Va. — February 2010 - July 2010

Wrote and revised copy for the Web, blogs and SEO. Clients included law firms, outdoor adventure, and health and wellness companies. Also managed clients' social media accounts and public relations campaigns.

Events & Business Development Coordinator, Jackson Kelly PLLC, Charleston, W.Va. — July 2009 - January 2010

Planned and executed events as a member of the Marketing Department for a 250-member law firm, with 12 current offices. Also collaborated on formulating the business development budget, and edited information for graphics and advertising copy. Firm specialties include service to energy industry clients.

EDUCATION

West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va., Master's Degree of Science in Journalism, classes complete, thesis incomplete.

West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va., Bachelor's Degree of Science in Journalism, News Editorial, December 2001.

UNIVERSITY HONORS & INTERNSHIPS

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund copy-editing internship, **Roanoke Times**, Roanoke, Va., June-August 2003; **Society of Professional Journalists**, national intern/fellowship, Web-based, August 2002- August 2003; **The Daily Athenaeum**, WVU student newspaper, student organizations reporter, July 1999-July 2000; **Golden Key National Honor Society**; **Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society** (journalism).