

Professional Experience

2012 - present Courthouse News Service Tampa Bay, FL

Reporter

- Searched through newly-filed civil court cases in four county courts and two federal courts for compelling content.
- Edited and distributed a daily wire report summarizing the cases for attorneys, law schools and media throughout the U.S.
- Researched and wrote articles on the most interesting, nationally-relevant cases for courthousenews.com.
- Regularly attended trials and hearings for content.

2010 - 2011 Taeam Elementary School Daegu, South Korea

English Teacher

- Taught aspects of the English language to 4th, 5th and 6th graders in an elementary school.
- Prepared lessons for more than 20 classes a week.

2009 - 2010 Scicom Inc. Tampa, FL

Editorial Quality Specialist

- Wrote copy about products for Tiger Direct, CompUSA and Circuit City websites.
- Provided constructive feedback to a 10-person team to assist them in becoming better writers.

2006 - 2009 Creative Loafing Tampa, FL

Staff Writer

- Wrote one to three in-depth news stories each week for Tampa Bay's alternative newsweekly (circ. 54,571).
- Created multimedia content for news stories and contributed daily to the newspaper's blogs.
- Composed several longform stories, incorporating investigative reporting and compelling narratives.
- Worked several beats in Tampa Bay area, focusing on features, the environment, politics and public safety.

2005 - 2006 Chandler Independent Chandler, AZ

News Editor

- Responsible for front page (five articles, briefs, photos) of community weekly newspaper (circ. 28,000).
- Led news services team in coordinating inside content, editing all copy and integrating submitted material.
- Worked police, development, school, zoning and political beats to create cogent articles directly affecting citizens.

Education

2004 Southern CT State University New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism

- Extensive course work in journalism including investigative, broadcast, magazine production and photojournalism.
- Concentration in English with coursework in creative writing, technical writing and other composition classes.
- Graduated *cum laude*

Skills and Awards

Digital photography; knowledge of PC and Mac platforms; proficient in Adobe products and other photo, audio and video editing programs; experience in HTML, Wordpress and search engine optimization.

2008: Griot Drum Award, second place, feature writing, under 100,000 circ., Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists

2007: Sunshine State Award, second place, serious features, under 100,000 circ., Florida Society of Professional Journalists

References

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