

Connor D. Sears

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Experience

SpecComm International | Raleigh, North Carolina

Copy editor (April 2015–present)

- Copy edited and fact-checked articles for six print publications, using both AP style and publication-specific style guides
- Worked extensively in Adobe InDesign while making edits to both copy and layout
- Led an officewide changeover to a new file storage system, familiarizing myself with the new system before teaching others

Game & Guide (gamenguide.com)

Freelance writer (August–December 2014)

- Wrote a set number of articles five days a week, dealing primarily with news pieces and guides for video game and technology consumers

Oryx Advertising Co. | Doha, Qatar

Editorial intern (January–March 2014)

- Wrote full-length features and shorter blurbs for various monthly and bimonthly magazines published by Oryx, including *Qatar Today* (news and business), *T Qatar* (life and style) and *Campus* (student life)
- Edited page drafts for style, grammar and spelling

Only Single Player (onlysp.com)

Contributing writer (June–December 2013)

- Wrote content including news briefs, editorials and interviews relevant to the video game community for daily publishing
- Worked regularly with WordPress content management system

North by Northwestern (online magazine) | Evanston, Illinois

Assistant managing editor/Copy chief (September 2012–December 2013)

- Maintained accuracy, readability and AP style of various articles posted to the North by Northwestern website
- Responsible for the recruitment, training and scheduling of new and returning copy editors

News co-editor (March–June 2013)

- Responsible for keeping up with campus news and maintaining a robust news section for North by Northwestern
- Managed a pool of news writers by assigning stories and editing drafts for clarity, brevity, accuracy and style

Cityview | Knoxville, Tennessee

Editorial intern (June–September 2012)

- Responsibilities included research, copy editing, performing and transcribing interviews, and writing sidebars and full articles

Freelance writing

- Reported and wrote articles for online and print publications, including HighDefDigest.com (June 2015–December 2016), Polygon.com (May 2014) and *Cityview* magazine (June–August 2013)

Education

Northwestern University | Evanston, Illinois

- Class of 2014
- B.S. in Journalism with minors in European History and Classical Studies

Skills

AP and Chicago styles	Django, WordPress and Adobe digital publishing systems
Microsoft Office	HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery
Adobe Creative Suite	Basic knowledge of Arabic, French and German

Positions

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity, Iota Chapter | Evanston, Illinois

PR chair (March–December 2013)

- Managed social media and public image for the Iota Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at Northwestern University

Awards

SpecComm International Employee of the Year 2016