

Appendix A

CONTACT INFO FOR REFERENCES/RECOMMENDERS

...in addition to written recommendations from my [CV here](#).

(ordered randomly, running the gamut of employees and interns, to supervisors and professors)

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+ Debbie Blankenship

Newsroom Coordinator, Journalism Professor in Residency.

Center for Collaborative Journalism at Mercer University.

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- Relationship: Coordinator of CCJ faculty and thus my indirect supervisor as instructor; co-advisor to student news organization along with myself.

+ Larry Brumley (media mentor, former collaborator)

Senior V.P. for Marketing and Communications and Chief of Staff. Mercer University.

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- Email: brumley_ld@mercerc.edu
- Relationship: University chief of staff and former [broadcast journalist](#) with whom I have worked on numerous occasions and can speak to my teaching abilities and leadership skills.

+ Susan E. McGregor

Assistant Professor & Assistant Director, [Tow Center for Digital Journalism](#).

- Desk: (212) 854-9523
- Email: sem196@columbia.edu
- Relationship: Former data visualization professor, mentor, inspiration for my interests in data visualization. Awarded only Honors' status in her spring 2012 courses.

+ Sherrie Marshall

Editor-In-Chief, The Telegraph.

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- Email: smarshall@macon.com
- Former editor while working as an on-call reporter in Macon, Ga.
 - Can testify to my dedication, even at a young age, to get the story not only right but to make it engaging. Letter available upon request.

Craig Sims, V.P. for Mobile Strategy, Morris Publishing

Director of Digital Operations, Morris Communications

- Mobile: (075) 520-9174 // Desk: (706) 724-0851
- Email: craig.sims@morris.com
- Relationship: Indirect supervisor at corporate level of Morris Publishing, the parent company of Morning News Media/Savannah Morning News; worked extensively with each Craig on mobile strategies and product development.

Jonathan Bennett (dev manager at Healthgrades)

Manager of Web Development, Healthgrades

- Mobile: (906) 465-1914 // Desk: (478) 855-2390
- Email: jonathan@nuinca.com, nuinca@gmail.com
- Relationship: Colleague from Morris Publishing Group who initially invited me to lead the first data journalism workshop at *The Florida Times-Union* in Jacksonville, FL.

Ava Seave

Principal, Quantum Media and adjunct professor, Columbia Business School

- Professor for "Making the Business of Digital Journalism Work," a course jointly run out of Columbia's journalism and business schools. Later become close mentor; named me only honors student in her class.

Emily Bell (former head of Guardian Digital, now at Columbia)

Professor of Professional Practice & Director, Tow Center for Digital Journalism.

- Desk: (212) 854-1945
- Email: ebell@columbia.edu
- Relationship: Oversaw parts of my work and research while a student at Columbia Journalism School, particularly at the 2012 Innovation Showcase.

Stacy Jennings (Director of Marketing, SMN)

Marketing Director, Savannah Morning News.

- Mobile: (912) 224-1354 // Desk: (912) 652-0236
- Email: stacyjennings@savannahnow.com
- Relationship: Indirect supervisor with whom I worked to bridge the traditional 'wall' between editorial and sales while maintaining journalistic integrity and autonomy.

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Steve Yelvington (V.P. of Audience, SMN)

Vice President of Audience, *Savannah Morning News*

- Desk: (912) 652-0462
- Email: steve.yelvington@savannahnow.com
- Relationship: Served as mentor and direct supervisor during time at Morning News Media; collaborated with me on several new product launches, including the launch of DoSavannah, now the region's most popular alternative-weekly, digitally and in print.

Dash Coleman (Reporter, Copy Ed., SMN)

Reporter, Savannah Morning News.

- Desk: (912) 652-0360
- Email: dash.coleman@savannahnow.com
- Relationship: Junior to me but in same department, often working on the same projects. Can speak to my ability to be patient and teach new digital skills at a pace that neither interferes with the daily deadline nor goes at too rapid of a pace.

Heather Henley (Editor, DoSavannah)

Editor of DO Savannah, a Morning News Media publication.

+ Desk: (912) 652-0295

+ Email: heather.henley@savannahnow.com.

+ Relationship: Coordinated to build, design, QA and launch [Do Savannah](#), an alternative weekly for the market's fast-growing entertainment and nightlife scene. Taught basic and some advanced aspects of CMS (Drupal 7), as well as best social media strategies.

Rachel Gardner (Digital Media Sales Manager, SMN)

Digital Media Account Manager, Savannah Morning News.

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Jessica Walden (Director, College Hill Alliance)

Director of Communications, College Hill Alliance.

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Josh Rogers (Director, NewTown Macon)

President and CEO, Newtown Macon.

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Sree Srenvasian (from CUJ dean, works at MOMA)

Chief Digital Officer, Metropolitan Museum of Art

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Julia Muller (News Archivist, SMN)

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Cate Mafera (Former online producer, SMN)

Digital journalist, Savannah Morning News.

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Cecilia Russo (Of Cecilia Russo Marketing)

Director, Cecilia Russo Marketing.

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Jay Black (professor; google in mercer directory)

Associate Professor, Mercer University.

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Dr. John Chalfa (professor; google in mercer directory)

Associate Professor, Mercer University.

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Dr. David A. Davis

Associate Professor, Mercer University.

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Elizabeth Bibb (Medill grad, former student newspaper editor)

Reporter, Pekin Daily Times.

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Emily Farlow (current Mercer student newspaper editor)

Editor-in-Chief, Mercer Student Newspaper.

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Andrew Haeg (Founder, GroundSource)

Founder, Groundsource.

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Kim Kleman (editor, Consumer Reports)

Editor, Consumer Reports.

- Desk: (914) 378-2029
- Email: kk4715@columbia.edu
- Relationship: Professor, Columbia Journalism School

Ava Seave (Columbia Business School)

Principal, Quantum Media. Adjunct Professor, Columbia Business School.

- Desk: (212) 854-3491
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- Relationship: Business mentor, professor and who taught me what terms like "competitive advantage" and "network effects really mean.

Tom Rowley (The Telegraph - UK)

Special Correspondant, The Telegraph.

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- Relationship: Editor at *The Oxford Student at the same time as I was. Now serves as a reporter for The Telegraph (U).

Corey Menscher (The Daily Beast)

Chief Technology Officer, The Daily Beast.

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- Relationship: Adjunct professor, mentor

Brian Abelson (Enigma.io)

Data Scientist, Enigma.

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- Relationship: Fellow member of CSV Soundssystem, a group of journalism-interested hackers/programmers. Can attest to data science skills.

Michael Keller (AJAM)

Interactive Multimedia Team, AlJazeera America.

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- Relationship: Worked closely together on news innovation projects at Columbia Journalism School; later were founding members of CSV Soudssystem, a weekly meet up for data-driven journalist.

Daniel Medina (QZ.com)

General Assignment Reporter, QZ.com.

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- Relationship: Classmate, menthe, someone who can speak well to my ability to lead a group.

C.J. Sinner (Minn Star Tribune)

Digital Producer, Minn Star Tribune.

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- Relationship: Former classmate, hackathon participant, open-source colleague.

Daniel S. Groce (Allstate)

Senior Communications Consultant, Allstate Insurance Company.

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- Relationship: Fellow peer advisor, College Hill Alliance collaborator and member of numerous service learning organizations. Can speak to leadership, teaching and technology abilities

Arlene Morgan (Dean of Pulitzer Prizes)

Dean of Pulitzer Prizes, Columbia University.

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Amy Brock (Social Media Manager, VisitSavannah)

Social Media Manager, VisitSavannah.

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Marilyn Young (Jacksonville Daily Record)

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