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Experience

Austin American-Statesman • News applications developer • February 2016 to present
I'm on a small team that develops, tests and deploys interactive graphics, applications and other web products that support our journalism. I also help organize newsroom training sessions and work with reporters and editors on data collection and analysis.

Omaha World-Herald • Reporter and web developer • April 2013 to January 2016 (~3 years)
I was a local government and watchdog reporter specializing in open records and data analysis. In addition to covering a handful of local beats, I developed online tools and web applications for omaha.com and dataomaha.com, organized newsroom training sessions and paired up with other reporters to analyze data for stories.

Sioux Falls Argus Leader • Reporter • November 2010 to March 2013 (~2.5 years)
I covered, at different times, the environment, the outdoors, the energy economy and city hall. This is when I started using data to tell stories, and soon I was leading newsroom workshops on computer-assisted reporting and producing interactive charts, graphs and maps for argusleader.com.

National Post (Toronto) • Intern • May to August 2010 (4 months)
I wrote feature stories for the homes section and edited freelance submissions.

Waco Tribune-Herald • Night reporter • September 2008 to May 2010 (~1.5 years)
I wrote crime stories, mostly, and did a turn on the copy desk as a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund intern. This was my first job at a daily newspaper.

Baylor University • Instructor, teaching assistant, writer, editor • August 2008 to May 2010 (~1.5 years)
I taught a section of media writing, graded papers and helped faculty members with research. I also wrote and edited stories promoting a series of international computer-programming competitions sponsored by ACM-ICPC.

Maverick Publishing (Spearfish, SD) • Editorial assistant, copy editor • August 2007 to August 2008 (1 year)
I was hired as an editorial assistant, which meant assembling product guides, answering the phones and filing paperwork. After a few months, I became the copy editor for the company's two nationally distributed trade magazines.

Fort Collins Weekly • Intern • May to August 2006 (4 months)
I wrote business, news and feature stories.

Education, skills, affiliations

Education: I have a B.S. in mass communication from Black Hills State University (May 2007, writing minor) and a masters degree in international journalism from Baylor University (December 2010).

Skills: I've worked with data as a journalist since 2011, using spreadsheets, relational databases (MySQL, Postgres), Bash/Batch/Python scripts and various GIS programs on Windows and *nix platforms. I've been developing web content using modern web frameworks and technologies (Django, Flask, Node, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML5, LESS, etc.) for a little less than that.

Affiliations: I'm a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors; I've recently begun contributing code and data to the Open Elections project; I was a fellow at the Knight Journalism Poverty Conference in 2012.