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Education

Oklahoma State University—Stillwater, Okla., Graduation date: May 3, 2008 Bachelor of Arts in News-Editorial Journalism, Cum Laude

Related Experience

Publications analyst

Northrop Grumman Corporation

September 2008 to present Oklahoma City, Okla.

- Edit SGML content, structure and graphics of digital publications using Adobe CS6 (Photoshop, Illustrator, Bridge, InDesign), XPP Publisher, Command Publishing Software, Contenta, IsoDraw, UltraEdit and Arbortext
- Follow technical manual specifications, standards and guidelines for document style and structure
- Interface with customer representatives to incorporate change packages into SGML documents on deadline
- Perform quality reviews for tech data change packages supporting digital and paper publications
- Update monthly a Parts Number Database, including editing graphics, hotspots and QA review
- Edit and rewrite business proposals for conciseness, grammar, style and completeness
- Train new employees and customers to use editing software, document style basics and military specifications
- Plan and attend networking events for Connect1NG as a social chair for the OKC location
- At request of the site director, organize, write, edit and design the SETC newsletter, which is used to connect more than 370 employees across 10 job sites

Fact checker, freelance writer

September 2007 to March 2009

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oklahoma Today magazine

- Wrote department and feature stories as assigned by editors
- Researched assigned topics, interviewed sources and crafted stories while meeting deadlines
- Checked stories and event guides for accuracy and verified facts
- Obtained photos to fill editor's art requests

Editor-in-chief

January 2008 to May 2008

Stillwater, Okla.

The Daily O'Collegian, Oklahoma State University

- Responsible for daily operations of a student-run newsroom including weekly payroll, attending management meetings, running an editorial board and was a liaison between the paper and community
- Completed final copy and design edits of each page using Adobe InDesign, InCopy and Photoshop
- Responsible for sending digital pages to press nightly using file transport protocol servers
- Posted and formatted website stories on deadline at ocolly.com using Wordpress software, HTML
- Mediated a student strike by working with O'Collegian Web editors and the OSU Student Publications Board to end a dispute, which restored Web content publication

Teaching assistant

August 2007 to May 2008

Media Style and Structure, Oklahoma State University

Stillwater, Okla.

- Taught a lab for an entry-level journalism course, which reinforced basic grammar and AP style
- Graded quizzes, lab assignments, semester projects, news stories and explained lessons to students

Managing editor, copy editor

October 2006 to December 2007

Stillwater, Okla.

The Daily O'Collegian, Oklahoma State University

- Led weekly writers meetings, created story ideas and assigned writers and photographers to stories
- Actively sought news and feature stories from the OSU and Stillwater communities
- Edited stories for conciseness, Associated Press style and proper grammar
- Interviewed sources in academia for stories written to be understood by everyone

Editorial intern

May to August 2007 Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oklahoma Today magazine

- Wrote multiple feature and event stories for two issues of the magazine
- Fact checked and proofread stories, headlines, cutlines and sidebars for the bimonthly publication
- Interviewed sources, submitted stories by deadline while working closely with editors