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## Summary

I seek a position that draws upon my experience as a newspaper and web journalist.

Core competencies include:

- Editor proficient in Word, Excel and InDesign
- Experienced investigative reporter, feature writer & copy editor
- Newsroom supervisor, project manager, writing coach and mentor

## Professional Experience

**Business Reporter**, The Bulletin, Bend, Oregon – 2013 to Present

Beat includes aviation, real estate and hi tech in a start-up friendly city

**City Editor**, The Bulletin, Bend, Oregon – 2012 to 2013

As city desk manager at a community newspaper:

- Supervise and mentor reporting staff
- Compile and prioritize daily news budget
- Plan and schedule assignments for local, state and national reporters
- Employ website and social media as reporting tools

**City Editor**, East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon – 2011 to 2012

As newsroom leader at a community newspaper:

- Supervise and mentor reporting staff
- Improved staff adherence to standards of reporting and ethics
- Improved beat coverage and story selection by staff reporters
- Report, write and photograph for print and Web-based publication
- Won 1<sup>st</sup> place **ONPA** award for series on wolves returning to Oregon
- Won 1<sup>st</sup> place **ONPA** award for overall excellence

**Substitute Teacher**, Lakenheath High School, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom – 2009 to 2011

**Assistant City Editor**, Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage, Alaska – 2004 to 2008

As supervising editor in charge of an eight-person newspaper bureau in Wasilla:

- Managed program to create an entirely new, twice-weekly newspaper section serving Anchorage suburbs in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Increased local circulation by several thousand to 10,000 daily

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**City Editor**, Albuquerque Journal North, Santa Fe, N.M. -- 1998 to 2004

As a co-supervising editor in a 12-person newspaper bureau:

- Organized and coordinated coverage of breaking and ongoing news: a 1999 fatal school bus crash near Santa Fe, the 2000 Cerro Grande Fire at Los Alamos and many others

**Justice Team Leader**, The News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla. -- 1994 to 1998

As senior police and court reporter on a four-person team in a metro newsroom:

- Organized frontline coverage of massive wildfires in north Florida in 1998
- Successfully negotiated a direct computer link between the newsroom and the Volusia County courthouse, streamlining collection of routine court filings

**Staff Writer**, The Daily Press, Victorville, Calif. -- 1989 to 1994

As police-and-court reporter in a fast growing urban area, nominated in 1993 for an **Associated Press Managing Editors Freedom of Information Award** for coverage of police use of excessive force

**Staff Writer/Photographer**, Underwater USA, Bloomsburg, Pa. -- 1988 to 1989

For a monthly tabloid devoted to sport diving and environmental topics, among first to report on climate change as it affects the ocean environment

**Staff Writer**, Press-Enterprise, Bloomsburg, Pa. -- 1987 to 1988

Earned a first place **Keystone Press Award** in 1988 for best news feature as beat and general assignment reporter in a county seat

**Staff Writer/Photographer**, The Times-News, Lehigh, Pa. -- 1985 to 1987

Beat and general assignment reporter and photographer across three counties.

**Education**

**University of Oklahoma**, Norman, Okla. – November 2010, MA International Relations

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, Calif. – May 1992, MA credits,  
Professional Writing

**Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, Pa. -- June 1985, BA Journalism

**Military**

**U.S. Marine Corps**, 1978 to 1982, aviation electronics technician, Honorable Discharge