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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Editor/Copywriter

Chicago, IL

May 2013 –
Present

Editor • Copywriter

- Short-term and per diem assignments writing, proofreading, revising, editing and critiquing media mail, brochures, advertisements, essays, blogs and manuscripts

BMO Capital Markets

Chicago, IL

February 2012 –
May 2013

File Clerk – Trust & Operations

- Reorganizing paper filing systems of Trust & Operations (T&O) division in preparation of upcoming audits
- Converting T&O paper filing systems to digital formats
- Maintaining T&O paper and digital archives regarding trusts, confirmations and statements

Inland American HOLDCO Management

Oak Brook, IL

September 2011 –
November 2011

Project Coordinator

- Collating hundreds of documents into interoffice archive for corporate campus that available for lease
- Researching articles for information on job growth programs, future public transit works, county/state initiatives (corporate relocation, tax incentives, etc.) and the leasing/sale of similar campuses
- Prepping rent roll specs by way of VLOOKUPS (MS Excel) for upcoming company audit

The Last Temptation of Clarence Odbody (Novel)

Chicago, IL

October 2010 –
August 2011

Creative Consultant • Editor

- Intensive editorial work on 223-page manuscript for novelist, musician and playwright John Pierson focusing on narration/POV, plot structure, character development, dialogue, continuity and rewrites
- Acting as creative consultant for additional scenes/dialogue that help further story and strengthen underlying themes

Citadel Investment Group

Chicago, IL

March 2007 –
November 2009

Data Entry Specialist • Database Management

- Editing, updating and maintaining Securitized Products Group (SPG) database
- Analyzing mortgage prospectuses and pooling and servicing agreements to extract relevant information
- Processing daily bid/offer lists and monthly remittance reports into specialized MS Excel database to be used as reference guide by global network of financial analysts
- De facto team leader regarding continuity within databases as well as discussions with programmers and supervisors on how data systems could be streamlined for easier access

Sprint Nextel

Reston, VA

July 2006 –
October 2006

Data Entry Specialist

- Sorting and filing two separate directories into one integrated system for insurance division
- Transferring contact information for 10,000+ business clients from paper contracts to intranet database
- Acting supervisor of five employees for the purpose of ensuring continuity for paper and digital registries

Clio Awards

Chicago, IL

January 2000 –
June 2006

Administrative Assistant • Database Editor

- Assisting with data entry, filing, proofreading, stocking/ordering supplies, sorting mail and answering phones for international advertising awards show
- Maintaining and supervising Client and Entries databases (approx. 12,000 names and 13,000 annual submissions, respectively)
- Editing and revising final proofs of Shortlist and Winners books (approx. 300 pages each)
- Acting Supervisor of Clio Festival Registration: greeting and registering 1200+ attendees; maintaining guest lists for gala events; customer service; handling payments; sorting gift bags; arranging signage; organizing displays and supervising student volunteers throughout week-long festival in Miami

SKILLS

Mac OS X, Linux and PC proficient, 70 wpm, MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Access, PowerPoint), Ruby, Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, jQuery, SQL, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap
Github, Heroku, FileMaker Pro, QuarkXPress and Cubase SX

EDUCATION

Le Wagon <i>Intensive Coding Boot Camp</i>	Rio de Janeiro, BR	October 2018 – December 2018
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ENTREPRENEURIAL

The Penguin's Tuxedo <i>Founder • Lead Organizer</i>	Chicago, IL	August 2008 – Present
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- Founder and lead organizer for not-for-profit event promotions platform that specializes in outings to cultural events/productions at discount rates to subscribers
- Networking with artists/entertainers, venues, managers and publicists to coordinate group rates and incentives

Justin Holt – Voice Over <i>Voice Over Artist</i>	Chicago, IL	February 2005 – Present
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BFN Networks (BFNinYourEars.net) <i>Founder • Producer • Music Promoter</i>	Chicago, IL	February 2000 – June 2014
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- Founder and producer of BFN Networks podcasting station and host of weekly podcasts *Noble Efforts*, *The Sound Of You & Me*, *Secondhand Neon* and *Bring Back The DJ*
- Editing and mastering episodes, skits and interviews for web streaming/podcasting
- Writing copy for all episode guides and interview summaries
- Networking with artists, management, publicists and label reps for the purpose of discovering new music and scheduling band interviews
- Comprehensive web site building and maintenance (HTML)

REFERENCES

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