

# Naomi R. Patton

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## Newspaper

**Staff Writer, April 2003 - present.**

**Detroit Free Press | Detroit, MI**

Provide Detroit city government and enterprise/general assignment coverage of metropolitan Detroit. Also covered Detroit Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and provided western Wayne County and southeast Michigan coverage; including local government, education, business and features.

**Staff Writer, December 1999 - March 2003.**

**Wisconsin State Journal | Madison, WI**

Provided general assignment coverage; including police, city and county government in Madison and Dane County.

**Staff Writer, September 1993 - December 1993.**

**The Onion | Madison, WI**

Reviewed films and music for satirical weekly.

**Staff Writer/Managing Editor, October 1992 - August 1993.**

**Milwaukee Community Journal | Milwaukee, WI**

Provided city and state government, education and features coverage for African-American weekly newspaper. Assigned stories, and managed production and editorial content for the WEEKEND edition.

**Staff Writer/Editor, November 1990 - May 1992.**

**The Daily Cardinal | Madison, WI**

Covered city, state, national and international news for student newspaper; including arts and sports. Edited "Page 2" essay/opinion column.

## Communications | Publishing

**Editorial Assistant, August 2002 - March 2003.**

**Wisconsin Historical Society Press | Madison, WI**

Researched, copy edited, and proofread book projects and in-house newsletter.

**Editorial Assistant, January 1999 - January 2000.**

**Journal of Human Resources | Madison, WI**

Maintained peer-review of manuscripts for quarterly, academic economic journal.

**Communications Coordinator, August 1996 - January 1999.**

**Household & Institutional Products Information Council/Consumer Specialty Products Association | Washington, D.C.**

Wrote and edited briefs/media responses, and analysis of state and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Superfund hazardous waste regulations. Assisted strategic development and implementation of media campaigns with contract public relations firms; produced one-sheets, press releases, collateral materials. Tracked media coverage/placement.

**Assistant to the Director of Publications, September 1994 - August 1995.**

**Optical Society of America | Washington, D.C.**

Produced project presentations and budget reports for publications department, which published a dozen academic journals for the international professional association. Edited website content. Managed copyright requests and registered copyrights with the Library of Congress.

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## Communications | Publishing (continued)

**Editorial Intern, September 1991 – December 1991.**

**Wisconsin Alumni Association | Madison, WI**

Wrote articles, copy edited and assisted production for WAA magazine, On Wisconsin, and alumni newsletter.

**Wrote liner notes for MTV's 1993 "Arrested Development Unplugged" CD.**

## Non-media

**Resident manager, November 1999-June 2001.**

**UW-Extension J.F. Friedrich Inn and Conference Center | Madison, WI**

Live-in manager and night auditor; provided guest services.

**Shelter advocate, September 1999-September 2000.**

**Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) | Madison, WI**

Facilitated resident intake and provide client services at a shelter for abused women and families serving Dane County, Wis. Answered 24-hour Crisis Line, provided non-emergency safety planning and protection/restraining orders instruction, and provided referrals to community resources and various DAIS programs.

## Education

Attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison; majored in history.

## Awards

2009 Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting to the Detroit Free Press staff

2009 First Place Michigan Associated Press, Breaking News

2009 Second Place Michigan Associated Press, Investigative Reporting

2010 State Bar of Michigan Wade H. McCree Award for the Advancement of Justice

## Affiliations

Online News Association

Society of Professional Journalists

Investigative Reporters and Editors

National Association of Black Journalists

## Appearances

Appearances on CNN "Your\$\$\$\$\$" and WDIV "Flashpoint" can be viewed at: <http://www.vimeo.com/user2049528>.