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Education

- Samford University (2010-2014: Birmingham, AL)

- Bachelor's in English (Creative Writing), Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA)
- Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Sigma Tau Delta Honor Societies; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities; Dean's List, Class Honors Medal (2010-2014)

Skills

- Microsoft Office; Googles Docs & Sheets (proficient)
- Logic Pro 9 & X (proficient)
- HTML & CSS (intermediate)
- Javascript (intermediate)
- C (beginner)
- Python 2.0 (beginner)

Work Experience

- Publication Intern - The Over the Mountain Journal (2013-2014; Homewood, AL)

- Biweekly newspaper with~64,000 circulation. Worked with publication's Wordpress backend and helped editorial staff expand web content and grow online presence. Interviewed, photographed, and wrote about local culture—ranging from local musicians to notable educators—for Feature pieces.
- Contact: Maury Wald, Publisher

- Creative Writing Editor - Wide Angle: A Journal of Literature and Film (2013-2014)

- Web-based academic publication staffed by Samford University students and faculty. Created web layout for published pieces; vetted/edited fiction and poetry submissions; and developed in-house writing/formatting style guide, checking submissions against it. Designed and implemented strategy to exchange advertising spots with other journals and organized a campus media push to inspire quality submissions from students.
- Contact: Dr. Geoffrey Wright, General Editor & Associate Professor

- Communications Tutor - Samford University Communication Resource Center (2012-2014)

- University-sponsored tutoring center for writing, reading, and speaking. Worked with students in one-on-one sessions to establish structure, style, grammar, and research skills. Additionally, helped ESL undergraduates grow their talent in both conversational and academic writing.
- Contact: Dr. Charlotte Brammer, Director & Associate Professor

- Copyeditor & Columnist - The Samford Crimson (2011-2014)

- Weekly, student-run university newspaper, distributed freely on campus and published online. Restructured, proofread, and trimmed articles by student writers. Coached students on drawing out and developing ideas in journalistic, satirical, political, and other written pieces. Also wrote a 3-year biweekly opinion column about politics, philosophy, music, and (sometimes) campus culture.
- Contact: Zach Brown, Editor-In-Chief

Other

Guitarist, Engineer, Promoter, Marketer, Web Designer (Etc Etc) - Press (2014-2016; Asheville, NC)

Six-piece indie rock band. After graduating college, decided along with other band members to pursue music full-time. Toured ~15 states in the eastern US, played well over 100 shows, and persistently promoted our albums. Played electric guitar while also producing, engineering, mixing and mastering our recordings; managed our social media; built and maintained our central website; designed and marketed merchandise; developed a structured PR approach; and managed outgoing communications from band members to promoters and music venues.