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WORK EXPERIENCE

2010-Present

***Chattanooga Times Free Press* | Chattanooga, TN**
PROJECTS WRITER / WRITING COACH

- Produces a large-scale project each quarter while covering daily assignments as needed.
- Supplements print stories with online multimedia storytelling using audio and video.
- Selected as one of eight for a highly competitive company-wide Management in Training Program. One of four to graduate with honors. Promoted to Writing Coach at program's end.
- Serves on multiple committees that have significantly increased newsroom efficiency and reduced spending.
- Spearheads training and recruitment efforts for the newsroom.
- Coaches more than 25 reporters on front page daily and weekend assignments.

2007-2010

***Chattanooga Times Free Press* | Chattanooga, TN**
BEAT WRITER

- Covered the court system in Chattanooga, writing daily about hearings, trials and the local legal system. Consistently elevated routine court system stories to front page play.
- Covered the University of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, often traveling to Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville for statewide scoops. Also aggressively reported on eight local colleges, including the University of the South and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- Covered the tourism industry in Chattanooga, the flooring industry in North Georgia and four major trucking companies based in the region.
- Helped create the paper's first online landing page for a series of stories on the longhaul trucking industry. Traveled with a truck driver for one week across the country.
- Filmed and edited video and recorded and edited audio to supplement stories.
- Voiced audio segments, reading daily headlines for the local radio station.

2006-2007

***The Anniston Star* | Anniston, AL**
KNIGHT FELLOWSHIP IN COMMUNITY JOURNALISM

- Selected for a national fellowship through the University of Alabama to write dailies for the newspaper while earning a graduate degree.
- Published a four-part series on the homeschooling movement at program's end.

CONTINUED

WORK EXPERIENCE

2005 **Hartford Courant | Hartford, CT**

REPORTING INTERN

- Covered crime, business and education in a bureau north of Hartford.

2004 **The Shelby County Reporter | Columbiana, AL**

REPORTING INTERN

- Covered crime, business and education for the weekly paper published in a suburb of Birmingham.

2010 **Lee University | Cleveland, TN**

ADJUNCT JOURNALISM FACULTY

- Recruited to teach a senior-level feature writing course.
- Created lesson plans, graded papers and counseled students on career planning.

EDUCATION

**CONFERRED
2007**

M.A. • Community Journalism | The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

- Knight Fellow in Community Journalism – The Anniston Star, Anniston, AL

**CONFERRED
2005**

B.A. • Journalism | The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Attended Wadham College in Oxford, England, in Summer 2004

AWARDS

2012 **Society of Professional Journalists Sigma Delta Chi Award** • Feature Reporting

2012 **Livingston Award** • National Finalist

2012 **NLGJA Excellence in Feature Writing Award** • Second Place

2012 **Tennessee Press Association Award** • First Place in Local Features

2012 **East Tennessee Society of Professional Journalists Award of Excellence**

2010 **National Casey Medal Award for Meritorious Journalism**

2010 **Society of Professional Journalists Green Eyeshade Award**

2010 **Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Award** • First Place in Features

2010 **ASNE Distinguished Writing on Diversity Award** • National Finalist

2008 **Alabama Press Association Award** • Best Series