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Experience

• Graduate Instructor

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

August 2010 – June 2011

- Teach undergraduate students a course in "Information Gathering," an introduction to some of the practical skills used in and contemporary issues affecting the newsgathering process.

• Correspondent

Capital News Service, East Lansing, Mich.

January 2009 – May 2009

- Weekly wire service covering state politics based on the campus of Michigan State University.
- My stories were widely picked up by papers throughout the state, including the *Lansing State Journal*, *Marquette Mining Journal*, *Oakland Press*, *Holland Sentinel*, *Macomb Daily*, *Grand Rapids Business Journal*, and *Michigan Citizen*

• Information Technology Assistant

Diversified Control, Inc., Orchard Park, N.Y.

June 2005 – June 2011

- Working seasonally for company during school breaks
 - Administered Mac OS and Windows-based systems
 - Helped computer users with technical support
 - Wrote Adobe Flash-based software designed to configure and gather data from a Microchip PIC microcontroller
 - Helped maintain company servers and workstations
 - Maintained backups of critical company data
 - Advised company officers on technology purchases
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Education

• Master of Science in Journalism

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

August 2010 – May 2012 (expected)

Coursework included:

- Use of statistical analysis software (SPSS)
- Video news package production skills
- Foreign correspondence
- Communication theory
- Tape-to-tape editing systems
- Design and implementation of telephone surveys
- Design and implementation of research projects
- Adobe InDesign, Illustrator

• Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

August 2005 – December 2009

GPA: 3.5 / Journalism GPA: 3.9

Journalism coursework included:

- Heavy skills-development focus
- Computer-assisted reporting techniques
- Legal concepts in journalism
- Michigan and U.S. Freedom of Information Act
- Ethical concerns in industry
- Nonlinear video editing with Final Cut Pro
- Italian language
- Chemistry, Physics
- Programming in C++
- Political science, Criminal justice
- Study abroad program in Florence, Italy

- Graduated as a member of the Honors College. College membership freed me from certain prerequisites and university requirements, allowed me greater flexibility in my non-degree coursework, and required me to take eight honors-caliber classes.
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Honors and Awards

• Graduate Appointment Recipient

- Received full tuition waiver and service stipend in return for teaching courses while attending Ohio University for graduate studies.

• Hanna Rasmussen Memorial Scholarship Recipient

- Most prestigious scholarship offered by Michigan State University. Covers full tuition, room and board. Awarded to 21 out of 6,741 freshmen in 2005

• National Merit Scholar Finalist and Scholarship Recipient

- Awarded annually to recognize excellence in PSAT/NMSQT and SAT scores, academic achievement and extracurricular involvement in high school

• Orchard Park Pride Award Recipient

- Recognized by my high school and the surrounding community, Orchard Park, New York, for scholastic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities and future expectations. One of 40 recognized in a class of around 300.
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