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SUMMARY

Media and communications professional with more than five years of experience writing for diverse audiences. Fluent in *Chicago Manual of Style* and software including Adobe CS4 Photoshop, InDesign, and Dreamweaver. Published internationally in print, on the web, on the radio, and on stage.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2009-present: Weekend Editor

2006-present: Staff Writer

Comic Book Resources, via Internet

Interview prominent comic book writers and artists, as well as cast and directors of comics-inspired films. Travel to industry conventions and live-blog from panels. Edit content for Friday–Monday publication using content management system.

- Conducted first comprehensive interviews on Longbox software, which aims to be an “iTunes for comics,” and Harry N. Abrams’s new imprint for graphic novels and comics art.
- Interviewed Robert Downey, Jr. and Gwyneth Paltrow for 2008’s *Iron Man* film.
- CBR won 2008 Eisner Award for Best Comic Journalism.

2008-present: Fiction Reviewer

Publishers Weekly, via Internet

Review upcoming fiction titles for leading book industry magazine and conduct author interviews on major new releases.

- Reviewed sophomore novels from major award-winning authors Rawi Hage and Joshua Ferris.
- Wrote featured review of Nick Hornby’s *Juliet, Naked*.

12/09: Web Editor (Project)

6-9/2009: Marketing Intern

Independent Publishers Group/Chicago Review Press, Chicago

Write press releases and other publicity materials, write copy for trade catalogs, edit and format web sites in HTML and content management systems, select and organize titles for custom catalogs, upload ebooks to distribution platforms, other duties as assigned.

- Implemented new design of Small Press United private publisher site using CSS and content management system.
- Created web page spotlighting bestselling IPG titles.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- First place at Edinburgh Debut Authors Festival’s Unpublished Writers Jam, 2007.
- Presented scholarly paper titled “Language and Fiction in the Creation of Reality in Grant Morrison’s *The Invisibles*” at academic conference; article then published in *International Journal of Comics Art*, vol. 10 no. 1.

EDUCATION:

Master of Letters (equiv. MA), Creative Writing University of Glasgow, 2007

Glasgow, Scotland

- Graduated with Distinction (Highest Honors).
- Founded e-magazine to showcase postgraduate student writing.
- Conducted free seminar on public reading for writers.

Sketch Writing Program Second City Training Center, 2005-06 Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts, English Hillsdale College, 2001 Hillsdale, MI

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EMPLOYMENT (CONT.):

2007-08: Communications Coordinator

Association of American University Presses, New York

Edit and write for electronic Exchange and Bulletin newsletters, update web site using HTML and Web 2.0 software, field media questions on university press initiatives, represent AAUP at industry meetings.

- Restored AAUP Exchange newsletter to quarterly schedule and expanded coverage of scholarly digital initiatives.

2007-08: Writing Tutor

Smarthinking, via Internet

Advise university students on effective academic papers, addressing content, essay structure, and thesis development.

2002-06: Production and Fulfillment Assistant, Publications Department
Art Institute of Chicago

Scan and digitally correct images for publication, negotiate copyright permission fees with artists and agencies, coordinate participation in book industry conventions such as Book Expo America and the Frankfurt Book Fair, maintain subscriber database and fulfill back issue orders, remit payment for contractor invoices.

- Developed and hand-coded an online edition of print journal as test case for future digital initiatives.
- Transitioned subscriber records from obsolete software platform to newer proprietary system.
- Assisted development of house style guide based on *Chicago Manual of Style* and posted the final version to AIC intranet.
- Augmented capabilities of interdepartmental FileMaker Pro databases.

FREELANCE EXPERIENCE:

Copy Editor, 2 Way Communications, 2009

Peer Reviewer, Northern Illinois Press, 2008

Reviewer, *Bookslut*, 2006-08

Peer Reviewer, *eSharp*, 2007

Founder and Editor, *From Glasgow To Saturn*, 2006-07

Restaurant Critic, *Itchy City - Glasgow*, 2006-2007

Editor, *Prism Comics 2006*, 2005-2006

Writer, *Silver Bullet Comic Books* (now *Comics Bulletin*), 2002-06

Assistant Editor, *Michigan Association of Speech Communication Journal*, 2001