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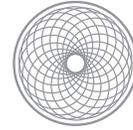
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Profile

Freelance Writer & Editor - Washington, DC area | April 2012 to present

Specializing in stories about local food and agriculture, the environment and sustainability as a freelance writer, with work published in The Washington Post, Foodshed Magazine, Grist.org, The Chesapeake Bay Journal, The Delmarva Farmer and ElevationDC Media. Edited a U.S. Congressman's memoirs to be published into a book. Building relationships within DC's restaurant and regional farming communities and blogging about it at thinkabouteat.com.

Staff Writer – Chesapeake Bay Journal | June 2013 to present

Covering the intersection of farms and the Chesapeake Bay as well as urban waterways like the Anacostia River in D.C. and other topics for the largest environmental newspaper in the country. Launched in 1991, the *Bay Journal* has a print circulation of more than 60,000 besides its growing readership at BayJournal.com. It's the only publication exclusively focused on the Bay and its decades-long journey toward improved health.

Experience

Reporter II, Skagit Valley Herald - Mount Vernon, Wash. | Aug. 2009 to Feb. 2012

Reestablished a business beat and coverage of the agricultural and environmental topics for which this region north of Seattle is known. Consistently produced long-form narratives that delved deeper into news events and the characters behind them. Earned an award for team's coverage of a deadly refinery blast, which I covered for two years.

Reporter/Intern, The News Tribune - Tacoma, Wash. | March 2009 to June 2009

Sought out feature stories and covered breaking news related to the region's struggle with the recession. Pushed in-depth stories to the front page with relevant writing.

Reporter/Intern, The Wichita Eagle | June to Aug. '08, June to Aug. & Dec. '07

Recruited as an intern based on previous freelance work. Fulfilled the duties of a full-time reporter, including presenting and pursuing follow-up and enterprise stories.

Education

The University of Oklahoma, Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communications
Bachelor's degree in Journalism | *Summa Cum Laude, minor in French*

Institute for Journalists of Natural Resources Fellowship | July 2011

Participated in a week-long Puget Sound institute exploring the region's environmental conundrums and how to best cover them with on-the-ground reporting.

Ethics and Public Policy Center's Media Program, Washington, DC | Oct. 2010

Invited to conference introducing a select group of burgeoning reporters to accomplished journalists in the DC area, including *The Atlantic's* Jeffrey Goldberg and *Politico's* Mike Allen.

World Journalism Institute, New York City | May to July 2008

Accepted to eight-week convergence course on multimedia journalism that included hands-on training from and networking with professionals from a cross-section of media formats.

Awards

- NATIONAL SPJ 2nd place Feature Writing 2006 - *for a story about a college fraternity brother with cancer*
- Regional SPJ 2nd place Spot News Reporting/Team 2011 - *for coverage of Tesoro Refinery explosion in Anacortes, Wash.*
- Regional SPJ 1st place Business Reporting 2008
- Regional SPJ 2nd place In-Depth Enterprise Reporting/Team 2006