GRETCHEN EICHENBERG

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Education

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri — BA in English, 1992

Skills

- Writing and reporting
- Interviewing and storytelling
- Creative thinking
- Copy editing
- Photography
- Diverse knowledge in various market segments
- Proficient in Adobe InDesign and PhotoShop

References

Michelle Johnson, publisher, Wacoan magazine 254-722-5182

Carlos Sanchez, former editor, Waco Tribune-Herald and Austin American-Statesman; former senior editor, Texas Monthly 956-292-7026

Memberships

Society of Professional Journalists

Experience

Contributing reporter, lifestyle/business • Fox News Digital — 2022-present Generate and write feature story ideas for online platform of Fox News. Content focused on family, nature/outdoor life, health/wellness, veterans, business, good news and also odd news.

Freelance writer, Waco, TX - 2009-present

Generate and write features for the *Wacoan*, the monthly independent city magazine of Waco, Texas and *Oklahoma* Magazine, covering greater Tulsa and OKC areas. Content: people, nature/outdoor life, wellness, home/garden, arts, education.

Journalism adviser, Waco, TX — 2009-present
Advise award-winning student newspaper of Vanguard College Preparatory School.

Editor, Waco Today, Waco, TX - 2007-2009

Lead the creative and editorial restructuring of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*'s monthly city magazine. Guided the editorial direction and developed a team of writers who fit the vision. Planned each month's line up of features and photo shoots, as well as wrote stories for every issue.

Freelance Writer, Waco, TX — 2002-2007

Developed and wrote monthly features for local city magazine, focusing on people, homes, health and education.

Executive Editor, *Wacoan* magazine, Waco, TX — 1997-2002

Responsible for all editorial, production, circulation, sponsorships and community outreach. Duties included planning issues, writing stories, assigning stories, editing stories, managing freelance writers, conceptualizing magazine covers, assigning photography and representing the magazine throughout the community.

Copywriter, *The Kansas City Star*, Kansas City, MO — 1995-1997

Developed campaigns and wrote creative copy for internal marketing department of major metropolitan daily newspaper.

Senior Writer, Expansion Management magazine, Kansas City, MO — 1993-95 Developed, researched and wrote news stories for international economic development magazine, focusing on quality of life, tax incentives, manufacturing, facilities and businesses considering an expansion or move. Traveled extensively to interview industry leaders, economic development teams and lawmakers.