

Kevin Ridder

Science & Environmental Journalist

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Education

B.S. IN GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES | University of Tennessee | Knoxville, Tennessee | 2011-2016
Specialization: Science & Environmental Journalism | Minor in Trombone Performance

Positions Held

ASSOCIATE EDITOR/COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

Appalachian Voices, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Advocacy Organization | Boone, North Carolina | August 2017 to Present

- **Associate Editor of *The Appalachian Voice***
 - Write four to six features and several smaller stories per issue of *The Appalachian Voice*, a bimonthly 70,000-circulation newspaper covering environmental and cultural issues in the Southern and Central Appalachian region.
 - Edit all stories that go in *The Appalachian Voice* in accordance with AP Style.
 - Co-manage several interns per academic semester.
 - Ensure that all *Appalachian Voice* stories are uploaded to appvoices.org/thevoice with timely updates as needed.
 - Write and edit content for a monthly page in *The Mountain Times*, a weekly 14,000-circulation newspaper serving three counties in North Carolina's High Country.
- **Communications Associate for Appalachian Voices**
 - Write and edit content for *The Front Porch Blog*, which hosts a variety of timely content pertinent to Appalachia.
 - Write and edit content for *The Advocate*, Appalachian Voices' monthly newsletter.
 - Co-manage Appalachian Voices' Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram profiles.
 - Edit organizational materials used to attract potential donors to Appalachian Voices.
 - Manage the calendar of events for Appalachian Voices' website, *The Appalachian Voice*, *The Advocate*, and the organization's page in *The Mountain Times*.

FREELANCE WRITER

The Appalachian Voice | *Knoxville News Sentinel* | August 2015 to Present

- Covered stories on environmental issues, cultural preservation and green technology for bimonthly 61,000-circulation newspaper *The Appalachian Voice* based in Boone, North Carolina.
- Covered feature stories over local citizens in daily 119,000-circulation newspaper the *Knoxville News Sentinel* based in Knoxville, Tennessee.

EDITORIAL INTERN

Knoxville Mercury | Knoxville, TN | February 2016 to May 2016

- Copy edited each issue of this weekly 25,000-circulation newspaper.
- Wrote a guide to upcoming festivals in the Knoxville area, which was featured on the April 6, 2016, cover, a pullout guide to Knoxville's craft breweries and several blog posts pertaining to local history and events.

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

Oak Ridge Associated Universities | Oak Ridge, TN | February 2015 to January 2016

- Composed and published documents in support of science education and outreach for multiple national laboratories.
- Copy edited numerous technical documents for national laboratories across the country.
- Evaluated websites for design and layout and assembled information for reports and presentations.

CHIEF COPY EDITOR

UT's *The Daily Beacon* | Knoxville, TN | January 2014 to December 2015

- Wrote a multitude of articles for The University of Tennessee's editorially independent daily student newspaper, including a column covering environmental issues and promoting an outdoor lifestyle.
- Held positions of Chief Copy Editor, Online Editor, Viewpoints Section Editor and Copy Editor. Member of Editorial Board from Fall 2014 to Fall 2015.