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SUMMARY | Award-winning reporter with 20 years of experience writing for local, regional and national media outlets, including newspapers, magazines and websites. Author of paranormal crime fiction and book editor.

SKILLS & ABILITIES |

- Writing/reporting
- Copy editing and proofreading
- FOIA Law
- AP Style
- Media Relations

EXPERIENCE | **FREELANCE REPORTER** *THEVILLAGECELEBRATION.COM*
JUNE 2017 - PRESENT

Write in-depth news features for positive news focused African American website.

FREELANCE REPORTER *THE ATLANTA BUSINESS LEAGUE*
OCT. 2013 - PRESENT

Write in-depth business features for annual publication that is distributed to Atlanta's black small businesses, banks and major corporations.

FREELANCE REPORTER *UPSCALE MAGAZINE*
MAY 2012 – MAY 2014

Wrote in-depth business features and briefs for national lifestyle magazine.

CONTRIBUTOR *PATCH.COM*
DEC. 2010 – SEPT. 2012

Took pictures, wrote news and business features for online, regional news-focused website.

CONTENT WRITER *EXAMINER.COM*
OCT. 2009 – JULY 2016

Wrote, copy edited, posted and optimized web copy applying SEO and keyword strategies for national website, while holding various titles as Columbia Crime Examiner, Atlanta Crime Examiner and Atlanta Public Safety Examiner.

Freelance Reporter Free Times

OCT. 2009 – JAN. 2010

Wrote features, political and business stories for weekly publication **with circulation of more than 31,000 in Columbia, SC.**

STAFF WRITER *THE STATE NEWSPAPER*

NOV. 1997 – MARCH 2003

- **Crime Beat Reporter: Covered breaking news, wrote features and investigative pieces for the largest daily newspaper with circulation around 120,000 in Columbia, SC.**
- **Helped capture dozens of fugitives after creating weekly column that featured the Midlands most wanted criminals.**
- **Provided features on victims and advocates as well as produced investigative pieces as beat reporter for domestic violence.**

EDUCATION

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA

BACHELOR OF ARTS: JOURNALISM/COMMUNICATIONS

AWARDS, HONORS AND MEMBERSHIP

February 2002 South Carolina Press Association – Second place in spot news reporting

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March 1997 Southern Regional Press Institute – Second place in feature writing

June 1996 Freedom Forum Chips Quinn Scholar's Program

March 1996 Southern Regional Press Institute - Winner in feature writing

June 1995 Sports Journalism Institute – Fellow participant

May 1995 Atlanta Association of Black Journalism - Second in essay writing

1994 -1997 CAU Honors Society

LEADERSHIP

Editor of college newspaper, *The Panther*

President of the Atlanta University Center chapter of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists.

Co-editor of the *Communications Department Journal* at Clark Atlanta University