

Keith Howard

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Profile

Advanced writer and editor with 17 years of experience specializing in Search Engine Optimization (SEO)-driven content development. Proven track record of using content management systems to increase web traffic and drive engagement through data-driven strategies. Skilled in managing editorial processes and collaborating cross-functionally to achieve brand objectives.

Education

M.S. - JOURNALISM | DECEMBER 2007 | *BOSTON UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MA*

B.S. - ENGLISH LITERATURE | DECEMBER 2005 | *UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, IL*

Experience

Temporary Writer | HUB International | Chicago, IL (remote) | 2025 – Present

- Wrote and edited clear, concise, and engaging copy across numerous print, digital, and web channels
- Formatted creative documents using Adobe InDesign and used WordPress to update web content
- Made complex insurance content accessible and digestible for professionals accessing open enrollment
- Collaborated with designers, project managers, and developers to deliver multi-channel campaigns

Content Specialist | TEAM Software by WorkWave | Chicago, IL (remote) | 2023 – 2025

- Developed lead gen, demand gen, and blog content to increase SEO score while tracking online trends
- Created long and short copy that provided insights to industries while planning the editorial schedule
- Generated engaging copy for emails, landing pages, social media, sell sheets, videos, and more
- Optimized web content, audited articles for SEO, and increased online traffic using Google Analytics
- Supported content strategy based on industry trends, competitor insights, and buyer preferences
- Ensured materials were ready for inter-departmental adoption and distribution by other teams

Content Manager/ Content Editor | Booksy | Chicago, IL (remote) | 2018 – 2023

- Increased blog traffic by 150% while developing the voice, brand identity, and in-house writing style
- Wrote, edited, fact-checked, and published written blog content, along with images using WordPress
- Measured and regularly tracked content effectiveness using Google Analytics for content audits
- Independently created blog posts, SEO articles, feature stories, testimonials, and multimedia packages
- Managed and edited content submitted by colleagues, freelance writers, and photographers
- Worked with the SEO team to monitor the online presence of blog posts and analyzed trends

Content Reviewer | WyzAnt | Chicago, IL | 2015 – 2018

- Reviewed user-generated content for spelling, grammar, and syntax errors, then provided detailed feedback for the customer service team to use while speaking with students and tutors
- Demonstrated critical thinking skills and paid attention to detail while reviewing content
- Assessed content submitted by potential tutors and made determinations based on company standards

- Resolved issues that pertained to violations of any content guidelines and escalated truly difficult situations to team leads and supervisors for additional review

Editorial Manager/ Editorial Coordinator | JAMA Dermatology | Chicago, IL | 2014 – 2018

- Managed editorial deadlines, manuscript submissions, and peer-review communications for a nationally recognized publication that distributes dermatological content
- Supervised the flow of manuscripts and other science journal content from receipt to final publication
- Served as the main point of contact for the Editor and acted as a liaison to authors, reviewers, editors, and editorial operations staff at the JAMA Network

Site Editor/ Copy Coordinator | Groupon | Chicago, IL | 2013 – 2014

- Promoted from a fact-checking and copy-editing role to an editorial position with more pressing deadline responsibilities after ten months; created written content aired in national and local markets
- Resolved time-sensitive requests to edit online content that was visible to merchants and customers
- Responded to pre-live and live deal update requests submitted via Zendesk by editing grammar, phrasing, and punctuation in accordance with the Groupon voice and the Chicago Manual of Style

Associate Editor | National Safety Council | Chicago, IL | 2011 – 2012

- Wrote and edited content for three publications that reached approximately 90,000 safety professionals distributed in print and online, which necessitated multi-tasking to meet all deadlines
- Maintained current knowledge of industry trends, developments, and legislation by working with chief health officials and subject experts to provide national coverage of safety news and analysis
- Proposed topics based on research and interviews with experts to write digital and print articles

Phone Interviewer | NORC | Chicago, IL | 2010 – 2011

- Conducted phone interviews for social science research in the public interest to accurately compile data
- Demonstrated mastery of computer-assisted telephone interviewing and record-keeping
- Promoted to handle the most difficult cases based on record of completed surveys and consistent ability to exceed company requirements for interviewers

Reporter | The Daily Ardmoreite | Ardmore, OK | 2008 – 2009

- Covered breaking news stories on crime and local government in four counties, after collecting hard data and compiling facts through detailed interviews and research
- Took photographs when the photographer was covering other newsworthy assignments
- Copy-edited and proofread all news articles and online material twice a week

Skills

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| • Search Engine Optimization (SEO) | • Semrush | • Adobe Creative Suite |
| • Google Analytics | • Frase | • Social media marketing |
| • WordPress | • Ahrefs | • PC and Mac Systems |
| • Asana | • ClickUp | • Team leadership |