OBJECTIVE

I am a writer and organizer seeking to apply my communications background in a position where I build relationships and make a difference.

SKILLS

WRITING

- News Articles
- INTERVIEWS
- POLITICAL ANALYSES
- WEB CONTENT
- BLOGS
- Newsletters
- PRESS RELEASES
- EBOOKS
- BROCHURES
- MARKETING MATERIALS
- INFOGRAPHICS
- PROCESS DOCUMENTS
- Social Media Posts

WEB DEVELOPMENT

- SEO OPTIMIZATION
- WORDPRESS
- GOOGLE ANALYTICS
- YOAST
- SPROUT
- SEMRUSH
- GRAPHIC DESIGN (CANVA)
- IMAGE EDITING (GIMP)
- EMAIL MARKETING (ROBLY)

OTHER

- ONLINE COURSEWORK IN GRANT-WRITING
- PROOFING, EDITING, AND FACT-CHECKING
- Leading Group Discussions and Presentations
- SHOOTING VIDEO
- RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
- STUDIED IN ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

REFERENCES AND SAMPLES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

WORK HISTORY

Phone: 224-639-6397

Frontier Marketing LLC Lead Content Writer

(February 2016 - May 2018)

- Wrote web content, blog posts, ebooks, infographics, brochures, and other print and digital marketing materials for nonprofits and small-to-medium businesses.
- Maintained the most current industry best practices for Search Engine Optimization (SEO) to help content reach target audiences.
- Developed strategic marketing documents including mission statements, elevator pitches, client personas, unique selling propositions, and competitive analyses.
- Managed an extensive library of digital content using Google Drive.
- Tracked progress on numerous projects with overlapping deadlines.
- Researched current digital trends and traditional marketing strategy.

Brian Hopkins for 2nd Ward Alderman

(January 2015 — April 2015)

Communications Fellow

- Translated communications into Russian for residents of Ukrainian Village.
- Interpreted at meet-and-greets I arranged for the candidate.
- Phone-banked and performed door-to-door canvassing.
- Worked with teams of volunteers to assemble mailers.

In These Times

(January 2014 — August 2015)

Editorial Intern, Freelance Fact-Checker

- Researched, reported, and wrote original articles for web publication.
- Fact-checked and proofread articles for print and web publication.
- Documented fact-checking process in logs for editors and authors.
- Wrote news briefs and photo captions for the website.
- Helped brainstorm headlines, cover art, etc.

VOLUNTEER WORK

United Neighbors of the 35th Ward (UN35)

- Serves on the Membership Development Committee.
- Helps strategize around recruitment efforts, leadership development, and member retention.
- Volunteers for issue-based, electoral, and fundraising campaigns.
- Helps run pop-eds to advance healthcare, housing, and economic justice.

The People's Lobby

- Lobbied for a state budget driven by a People and Planet First agenda.
- Volunteered for research and event-planning efforts.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago - Bachelor of Arts in English (Creative Writing)

- -Graduated May 2015
- -3.89 GPA
- -Coursework in Media Writing
- -President of Russian Club (Language and Culture)