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Career Summary:

Writer, editor, and educator with a diverse background, whose work includes journalism, creative non-fiction, technical and instructional writing, technology reviews, marketing copy, project management, teaching, tutoring, and multimedia production.

Professional Skills:

InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere Elements, Acrobat, Microsoft Office, DSLR still and video photography, WordPress, Google Docs, Windows, Android, iOS, Linux, Associated Press style, Blackboard.

Education:

B.A. in English (Writing Concentration), University of Massachusetts Dartmouth,
A.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology, Community College of Rhode Island.

Employment History:

2014 - present: *The Smithfield Times*: Columnist/journalist for a monthly news and feature magazine serving the town of Smithfield, RI. Wrote feature articles, game and technology reviews, and a monthly column.

2013 - present: Consultant to Johnson & Wales University: Advised student-journalists publishing the *JWU Campus Herald* newspaper and its associated web and social media sites. Offered guidance in journalistic ethics, news writing, editing, AP style, interview and news-gathering practices, computer applications, printing standards, grammar, and photography. Critiqued completed newspapers. Participated in weekly editorial and staff meetings, and presented weekly journalism lessons.

2006 - 2014: *Your Smithfield Magazine*: co-founder, co-publisher, and co-editor of *Your Smithfield Magazine*, a monthly news and feature magazine serving the town of Smithfield, RI. Duties included page design and layout, print production, news and feature writing, photography, editing, graphics, advertising coordination, ad copy writing and editing, marketing, and technology management.

2000 - 2006: Observer Publications, associate editor/general assignment reporter: Wrote news and feature articles for the *Observer*, *North Providence North Star* and *Johnston Sun Rise* weekly newspapers. Shot photos for all three papers. Wrote cutlines, headlines, news briefs, and rewrites. Wrote police blotters and acted as police liaison for two newspapers. Coordinated candidate coverage during election years. Assumed managing editor's duties during absences. Managed copy flow to production. Coordinated and edited high school columns for two newspapers.

1994 - 1999: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth: Teaching associate (1997 – 1999): Taught Technical Communications and Business Communications. **Writing tutor** (1994 – 1999): Specialized in tutoring technical and business writing, tutoring graduate students, and collaborative group tutoring. Wrote and revised instructional material. Chaired Publications Committee. Supervised tutors and receptionists. Trained writing tutors. Presented campus-wide writing workshops.

1987 - 1993: Union Carbide/Praxair - Innovative Membrane Systems division: Technologist (1990-1993): Established and wrote standard operating procedures and safety procedures. Managed departmental expansion projects. Developed custom DOS-based control-system menus. Participated in new equipment design and troubleshooting. Coordinated activities between R&D and production. **Technician** (1987-1990): Fabricated new product prototypes. Developed and tested experimental manufacturing equipment. Designed and fabricated custom parts. Operated, maintained, and repaired manufacturing equipment in a pilot production line. Trained new technicians.

Multimedia and publishing projects:

- *Greyledge Press* (2016-present): Created an on-demand publishing company currently marketing two books, with two more in progress.
- *New Faces of UMass Dartmouth* (2011-2012): Camera operator, lighting/sound technician, and script consultant for a series of eight video profiles of UMD alumni, faculty, and students, one of which received a Gold Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).
- *SoCo to SoCal* (2010): East Coast technical director for a live-streamed, bi-coastal teleconference and film screening. Presented in conjunction with the Echo Park Film Center and BridgeThink.org.
- *Building Bridges to the Homeland* (2009): Copywriter and still photographer for a screening of local short films at the Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford, MA.
- *Homeland* (2009 short film): Second assistant director for a short suspense film.

Awards:

- 2018: Rhode Island Press Association: Arts/Niche Columnist – first place.
- 2014: Rhode Island Press Association: Arts/Niche Columnist – honorable mention.
- 2013: Rhode Island Press Association: Arts/Niche/Feature Columnist – honorable mention.
- 2007: Rhode Island Press Association: Columnist – first place.
- 2005: New England Press Association: Health Reporting – second place.
- 2002: Rhode Island Press Association: Arts and Entertainment Writing – honorable mention.
- 2001: Rhode Island Press Association: Arts and Entertainment Writing – first place.

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