

Experience

Design and copy desk chief — Jacksonville Journal-Courier / Civitas Media
May 2012 – Present

Duties: In addition to duties listed under news and features designer and editor, managing several page designers in the newsroom.

News and features designer and editor — Jacksonville Journal-Courier / Freedom Communications

June 1997 – May 2012

Duties: Designing feature pages and news pages; writing headlines; creating illustrations and graphics; selecting and toning wire photos; selecting and editing wire stories; editing local stories, columns and captions; administrating NewsEdit-Pro IQue server; co-administrating newspaper's social media sites; and helping to administrate the newspaper's website. Responsible for posting stories and photos to news website.

Involved heavily in developing Journal-Courier's early Web presence.

Art gallery owner — Noir Art Emporium

October 2006 – September 2008

Duties: Co-managing gallery, P.R., hanging shows, sales, and managing music shows.

Graphic designer — Abelink Internet

1999 – 2000

Duties: Updating designs and create custom graphics and illustrations for Web sites for Abelink and its clients.

Staff photographer — Jacksonville Journal-Courier / Freedom Communications

January 1996 – June 1997

Internship. Duties: Making photographs for news and sports.

Education

- Bachelor of science in art, cum laude, MacMurray College, 1993 – 1997

Groups & associations

- Jacksonville Young Professionals Network (Chamber of Commerce) • Society for News Design • Springfield Ultimate Club (president) • Assistant scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 106

Honors & awards

- Society for News Design's The Best of Newspaper Design competition:
 - Award of Excellence – Features page designer portfolio
 - Award of Excellence – A-section page design
 - Award of Excellence – Travel page design
 - Award of Excellence – Lifestyle/Features page
 - Award of Excellence – Opinion Page
- Pictures of the Year International competition:
 - Award of Excellence – Newspaper Editing Portfolio
 - Award of Excellence – Best Use of Photography, staff
- Illinois Press Photographers Association's Pictures of the Year competition, 2nd place – Best Use of Photographs (Daily under 50,000), staff
- Freedom, Division III, Excellence in Design, 1st place
- Freedom, Division III, Excellence in Design, 2nd place
- Employee of the Year, Jacksonville Journal-Courier
- Judge – SND's The Best of Newspaper Design competition

Skills & expertise

Expert in:

InDesign
Photoshop
QuarkXPress
Typography
Newspaper design
Journalism
Copy editing
Headline writing
Photo caption writing
Associated Press style

Skilled in:

Photography
Photo editing
Illustration
Art direction
Drawing
Painting
Social media
Facebook
Wordpress
Blogger
Twitter
Dreamweaver
Acrobat

Experience with:

HTML
CSS
Office/Word/Excel
Google Docs
Flash
Powerpoint
Illustrator

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