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Profile

Award-winning photographer, multimedia producer, photo editor and newsroom manager with more than 17 years of daily newspaper and magazine experience.

Experience

PHOTO EDITOR, TULSA WORLD, TULSA, OK. SEPTEMBER 2010 - AUGUST 2015

Oversaw the daily photo selection and multimedia report for all platforms. Used content management system to post photos and curate videos for web. Worked across the newsroom to develop daily visual coverage. Planned and directed special print and multimedia projects, weekly entertainment publication and features sections. Managed photography staff of seven full-time photographers. Art directed, produced and photographed in-studio projects including portraits, photo illustrations and food and style-oriented subjects. Recent accomplishments include:

- Awarded POYi Award of Excellence for News Story Picture Editing.
- Grew photo department blog traffic from 17th most read blog to 5th most read among all blogs in the company.
- Part of management team leading current video initiative to increase video output and production across the newsroom through staff training, and collaboration with editors, reporters and photographers.
- Awarded Oklahoma SPJ Best Photography Portfolio.

PHOTO EDITOR, REDEYE/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE, CHICAGO, IL. JANUARY 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2010

Oversaw the daily selection of images for daily publication. Worked directly with design director to develop cover concepts and visuals for daily magazine-style publication. Managed large pool of freelance photographers locally and nationally. Worked closely with editors and reporters to develop visual report for issue and trend-based stories. Art directed, produced and photographed studio projects including portraits, photo illustrations and food and style-oriented subjects.

DIRECTOR OF MULTIMEDIA, THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, MUNSTER, IN. OCTOBER 2008 - JANUARY 2010

Directed all aspects of multimedia storytelling for web. Shot, edited and produced award-winning video and multimedia pieces for daily stories and long-term projects. Developed and led multimedia, photo and video projects. Led staff of photographers in multimedia production. Developed staff training for multimedia and video production.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY, THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA JULY 2006 - OCTOBER 2008

Shot, edited and produced award winning video and multimedia pieces for daily stories and long-term projects. Assisted in the daily photography staff management. Worked with reporters and editors to plan daily photo and video assignments. Assisted Director of Photography in daily photo department operations

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, MUNSTER, IN. JULY 2004 - JULY 2006

Photographed daily news, sports and feature assignments. Produced video and multimedia projects for web.

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, POST-TRIBUNE, GARY, IN. MARCH 2000 - JULY 2004

Photographed daily news, sports and feature assignments.

CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER, ENID NEWS AND EAGLE, ENID, OK. MAY 1997 - MARCH 2000

Photographed daily news, sports and feature assignments.

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, THE PARIS NEWS, PARIS, TX. JANUARY 1996 - MAY 1997

Photographed daily news, sports and feature assignments.

Education

University of Central Oklahoma — Bachelor of Arts, Photographic Arts/ Journalism - 1996

Skills

Strong team leadership and project planning skills. Able to build strong rapport across departments with editors, reporters and photographers. Thrive under deadline pressure. Skilled on multiple still and video camera platforms. Fluent in HD video technical systems and standards.