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SKILLS

- Languages (Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish)
- Computer proficiency (Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point; Adobe Photoshop, Premiere; Audacity); experience with Adobe Flash, Avid, InDesign and Papermate
- Familiar with social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr) and WordPress

WORK EXPERIENCE

Brookfield Academy - Brookfield, WI

September 2012-present

Writer / Editorial Adviser

- Edited reports by coaches and student writers about the week's athletic games for publication in weekly newsletter
- Compiled content and organized layout for weekly newsletter (print versions mailed to student families, Web versions published online as PDFs) in Adobe InDesign
- Submitted reports about varsity teams to local papers for publication
- Advised students on elements of good journalism, including deadlines, accuracy, and answering the key journalistic questions (who, what, when, where, why, how)

Medill Watchdog / Accountability Initiative - Evanston, IL

January-March 2012 / March-June 2011

Reporter

- Led undergraduate students in investigating government and elected official inefficiency and corruption in Chicago and Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties; interviewed potential sources
- Gathered and analyzed information about DuPage County elected officials for database to be published on the Watchdog website - <http://medillwatchdog.org/>
- In January 2012, Medill Watchdog published results of its first project (based on nine months of investigation and reporting) on its website and in a two-part web article in the New York Times (*see links*)

Institute for War & Peace Reporting - The Hague, The Netherlands

September-December 2011

Reporting Intern

- Covered war crimes trials at the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
- Wrote weekly reports of 500-1,000 words about ICTY trial proceedings, and an analytical piece (2,700 words) about the International Criminal Court

Medill News Service - Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

January-August 2011

Reporter

- Wrote breaking news and longer enterprise stories with photos and videos for Medill and other news organizations including UPI, McClatchy and *National Geographic*; assisted with web production
- Chicago: covered alternative medicine and brain injuries / diseases
- Washington, D.C.: covered the environment / energy

POLITICO - Arlington, VA

March-June 2010

Reporting / Editorial Intern and Web Producer

- Reported on lobbying and energy / environment; wrote short online news articles
- Assisted with interviewing, Congressional reporting, research and web production

Towers Productions, Inc. - Chicago, IL

June-August 2009

Development Intern

- Worked with Story Development department in developing and growing ideas for series already in production
- Researched new and existing story ideas in greater depth; located / developed potential sources

EDUCATION

- Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University** - Evanston, IL 2011
Master of Science in Journalism through the Accelerated Master's Program
Overall GPA: 3.814 / 4.0
- Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University** - Evanston, IL 2007- 2011
Bachelor of Science in Journalism - Cum Laude
Minor in Chinese Language & Culture
- Tsinghua University** - Beijing, China June-August 2010
Emerging Legal and Economic Studies

ACTIVITIES / HONORS

- Society of Professional Journalists
- Golden Key International Honour Society
- Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society
- Northwestern University Varsity Women's Fencing Team: Academic All-Big Ten Distinction; Big Ten Distinguished Scholar