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**Writer/Editor/Educator**

Experienced in writing and editing, long and short form, for print, digital publishing, social media and broadcast.

Expansive subject knowledge: politics, policy and government, health care, criminal justice, legal, environment, art and architecture, history, religion, animal welfare.

Extensive content credits: national magazines and newspapers, private/government industry, nonprofits, digital, web.

Comprehensive skills: well-honed ability to convert ideas into polished narrative; to manage multiple deadlines; to collaborate with freelancers and in-house teams; incorporate feedback to create a flawless product.

2021-Present **PennLive/Patriot News** Enterprise Editor/Managing Producer

* Supervises a team of six reporters covering politics and government, health, food and general news. Edits breaking news and helps develop and shape enterprise stories in a digital first news environment.

2019-Present **Dickinson College** Professor of Journalism (Adjunct)

* Designed and teaches “Journalism in the 21st Century,” an introductory class emphasizing basic newswriting, interview and research skills, while exploring historic and contemporary issues in media ethics, news literacy and law.

2019-Present **Washington Post Talent Network** Reporter

* Independent contributor to The Washington Post, focusing on issues of national interest in Pennsylvania. Handles breaking news and long form news feature stories on an array of topics.

2019  **Committee of 70/Draw the Lines PA**  Education Coordinator

* Conducted non-partisan civics education training for teachers and high school and college students with an emphasis on gerrymandering.
* Coordinated statewide competition promoting civic engagement through an election district mapping contest.

2016- 2019 **Pennsylvania Department Corrections** Press Secretary

* Served as the lead spokesperson for the fifth largest prison system in the U.S.
* Generated national and statewide media coverage on a range of groundbreaking initiatives, including new approaches to the treatment mental health and substance addiction, efforts to reduce violence and the use of segregation, and the development of model reentry efforts to better prepare individuals for their return.
* Drafted op-eds and letters-to-the-editor on behalf of the secretary and other top officials for mainstream and industry publications.

2015-2016 **Pennsylvania Department of Health** Communications Director

* Re-imagined state health care communications to incorporate a proactive approach to media relations and fully utilize social media platforms.
* Led the media launch of the statewide opioid emergency response to a wide spectrum of stakeholders, including providing opioid education for the public and developing content on sweeping new prescription drug monitoring regulations and broad-based Narcan distribution.
* Designed media campaign for the first-ever statewide Lyme disease initiative and release of a landmark report on the disease’s impact in PA, which has the highest number of cases of the disease in the nation.

2000-2015  **The Philadelphia Inquirer** Capitol Bureau Chief

* Covered front page stories on all aspects of politics and state government, including a range of policy issues from healthcare and the environment to business and education.
* Handled primary reporting duties on gubernatorial, Congressional and presidential campaigns in Pennsylvania. Lead coverage of top breaking, national news stories in Pennsylvania including the downing of Flight 93, the Quecreek mine rescue, the York race riot murder trial and the landmark federal trials on evolution and same-sex marriage.
* Founder of the Inquirer’s award-winning animal issues blog, Philly Dawg.

1998-2000 **APB News.com** Correspondent/Washington bureau chief

* Covered breaking and enterprise stories for APBnews.com, the first online national news service dedicated to coverage of crime, justice and safety issues.
* Special Commendation**:** Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), for federal judiciary “Disclosure Denied,” lauded as “pioneering” work in data gathering for public dissemination. This was IRE’s first national award for online news coverage.

1998 **Associated Press** Shift Supervisor/Editor/Reporter

* Supervised daily news report from Pennsylvania, assigning stories, editing for state and national wire and covering spot and enterprise news, shaping the top regional stories for the national news wire.

**Freelance credits**: Kaiser Health News, Religion News Service, Christian Science Monitor, Brown Alumni Magazine, Widener Law Commonwealth Alumni Magazine, Drexel University Alumni Magazine, Animal Sheltering, East Coast Equestrian.

**Education**

* BA, history and government, Oberlin College.
* MS, historic preservation, University of Vermont.

**Awards**

* Winner of multiple Keystone Awards including for education coverage and reporting on the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, member of Knight Ridder Newspapers’ Hurricane Katrina coverage team with the Pulitzer Prize-winning Biloxi (MS) Sun-Herald, Association of Horse Publications, Equine Reporting Award, Humane Society of the United States Pennsylvania Animal Welfare Journalist of the Year.