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## *Summary of Qualifications*

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I have covered a variety of beats for larger and smaller daily newspapers, gaining experience in areas ranging from city government to religion, from business to police reporting. I have also learned to integrate these diverse fields, an ability that serves me well in handling general assignment and enterprise work. Working as an editor -- both at a magazine and newspaper -- further cultivated my story development and long-range planning skills. These areas were polished to a higher level while I earned a master's degree at Columbia University.

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## *Journalism Experience*

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**Oskar's**

*October 2001 - present*

**Hamburg, Germany**

**Redaktion (Editor)**

Head up the English side of this bilingual magazine targeted at German and American high school students. Develop story ideas and work with photographers, freelancers and layout artists to bring each piece to completion.

**Arthur Burns Fellowship**

*August 2001 – October 2001*

**Berlin, Germany**

**Fellow**

Awarded this fellowship by the International Center for Journalists upon graduating from Columbia University. The program provided the opportunity to work on pieces dealing with German history and culture, immigration issues and business affairs for German newspapers, including the Berliner Morgenpost and Bild, the fifth largest paper in the world.

**The News-Journal**

*February 1999 – August 2000*

**Daytona Beach, Florida**

**General Assignment Reporter**

Responsible for a mixture of breaking news coverage and enterprise work, focusing heavily, in both cases, on education and crime reporting. Concentrated on the southwest portion of Volusia County, where the News-Journal competes with three other papers, including one of the largest in Florida. Moved to the position from a city government beat, responsible for covering city council, zoning and planning committees and other urban bureaucracies.

**The News-Herald**

*May 1997 – February 1999*

**Willoughby, Ohio**

**Community Reporter**

Covered eight cities and towns, including some of the wealthiest communities in the state. Focused on deadline reporting and meeting coverage, plus writing feature stories.

**Religion Editor**

Supervised a team of correspondents and wrote one to two feature stories a week. Handled wire news. Assisted in layout using Quark Xpress and photography.

**Business Reporter**

Developed and wrote three to four feature stories a week, including in-depth investigative pieces. Also wrote four to seven breaking news stories a week.

**The Austin American-Statesman**

*1996*

**Austin, Texas**

**Copy Editor**

Served as a rim editor for the news, sports and feature sections of this 200,000-circulation paper. Filled in for full-time personnel who were assigned to an Olympics task force.

**The Liberty Champion**  
**Liberty University**  
**Lynchburg, Virginia**

1995 - 1997

**Editor in Chief**

Handled overall production responsibility for the university's weekly broadsheet. Supervised a 15-member editorial board and a 45-member staff. Wrote a column and several news stories a week. Held this position my junior and senior years, after serving as news editor my sophomore year and a news reporter my freshman year.

**The Times Leader**  
**Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania**

1992 - 1997

**Correspondent**

Covered a variety of local government and school board meetings. Also wrote general assignment pieces for the city desk and feature articles for the business section.

**Sports Bureau Reporter**

Served as sport reporter for zoned edition. Wrote two to five stories each week, covering high school and college sports in lower Luzerne County.

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*Academic Experience*

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**Columbia University**  
**New York, New York**

- Graduated May 2001 with a master of science degree in journalism, concentrating on print media. Classes include writing and reporting with Stephen Isaacs, international reporting with Tom Kent, immigration reporting with Josh Friedman, writing style with Judith Crist, long-form writing with Helen Benedict and global economics in the Reuters Forum.
- Awarded the Robert Reinhold and Hough Scholarship Fund scholarships

**Liberty University**  
**Lynchburg, Virginia**

- Graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in May 1997. Majored in journalism/news editorial and minored in history. Member of the university's honors program.
- Served as press secretary for Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honors society.
- Member of Phi Alpha Theta, a national honors society in history.
- Served as a Student Government Association senator, representing both my residence hall and the student newspaper, for three semesters.

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*Awards*

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- Recipient of the New York Financial Writers' Association's Thomas E. Mullaney Scholarship, recognizing outstanding potential in business and financial journalism
- Awarded the Robert Reinhold and Hough Scholarship Fund scholarships by Columbia University
- Finalist for the Robert Bosch Fellowship
- Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Outstanding Internship Prospect
- University Dean's List (throughout college)
- National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

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*References*

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| • <b>Stephen Isaacs</b><br>Columbia University<br>(212) 854-3844          | • <b>Phil Trexler</b><br>The Akron Beacon-Journal<br>(216) 289-2442         |
| • <b>Don Lindley</b><br>The Daytona Beach News-Journal<br>(904) 258-8465  | • <b>Mitch Morrison</b><br>Journal of Petroleum Marketing<br>(646) 654-4500 |
| • <b>Dinah Pulver</b><br>The Daytona Beach News-Journal<br>(904) 774-2777 | • <b>Deborah Huff</b><br>Liberty University<br>(804) 582-2420               |