

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my interest in the advisory position with Florida Atlantic University's student media. I have more than a decade of experience in newspapers, most of it working in the local market, and I know that experience can help students just starting out in the field. I received my own degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, which boasts the oldest and one of the best journalism schools in the world, and the methods taught to me in my time as an undergrad can serve today's students just as well.

I have had a desire to move from professional media to an academic position for some time now, and I believe this job can be mutually beneficial. You will find all my contact information on my résumé. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
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Experience

Associate Editor, *City Link Magazine* - 2003-present

- Edit all parts of the print magazine, including news, features, music, arts, entertainment, sports and more.
- Wrote an op-ed column with a focus on South Florida politics (Jan. 2008-Jan. 2010).
- Wrote and photographed a biweekly music column covering both national and local artists (March 2004-May 2007).
- Operated Doomed Generation, a political blog (April 2006-Sept. 2007).
- Coach the paper's staff writers on tone, voice and coverage while also working with the editor to select stories for upcoming issues.

Freelance Writer – 2003-present

- Write for various national and regional publications, with a particular emphasis on music and travel, including travel features on Honduras, Ireland, ecotourism and the South Florida charter-boat industry.

Blogger, *Huffingtonpost.com* – May 2008-present

- Provide blog entries geared toward national politics.

Calendar Editor, *New Times Broward/Palm Beach* - 2000-2003

- Oversaw paper's entire listings section, as well as coverage of arts, music, sports and recreation, children's events and much more.
- Wrote news and feature stories, covering the gamut of community news.
- Managed a stable of freelance writers.
- Worked with art director to obtain proper art for this dominant section of the paper.

Music Editor, *Vox Magazine* - 1999-2000

- Wrote stories covering national and local musicians, compiled music listings and edited the stories of freelance writers.

Staff Writer, *Columbia Missourian* - 1997-1998

- Covered the cops and courts beat, producing both up-to-date crime scene coverage and courtroom reportage.
- Showed excellent follow-through by reporting on serious crimes from the scene to the sentencing.

Stringer, *Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph* - 1995-1996

- Wrote freelance human-interest and travel stories dealing with the outlying towns surrounding Colorado's second-largest city.

Education - University of Missouri, Bachelor's of Journalism, minors in political science and sociology - May 2000

Professional Associations - Society of Professional Journalists – 1997-2005 (treasurer 1998-1999)