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1.6 (max. 1.0) average grade

Thesis: "Recoding the Boundaries of Democracy: Challenges and Opportunities for the Internet and Public Sphere"

Profile Motivated journalist and editor with more than 10 years of experience covering environmental and social justice issues

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics

05.1998

3.8 grade point average, graduation with honors

Master of Arts in International Media Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art

05.1998

3.6 grade point average

Work Experience

Education

Deutsche Welle

Journalist and editor

06.2011 to present

Produced online articles and radio features for science, environment and globalization desks of Germany's international broadcaster. Edited online and radio stories from staff and correspondents, co-produced radio shows, laid out webpages in CMS. Cultivated and managed social media. Adapted texts from German into English for international audiences.

Courthouse News Service

Environmental Editor; Tucson Reporter

11.2005 - 01.2012

Selected key topics, assigned stories. Edited for structure, content and copy. Secured publishing rights for images; wrote environmental news. Laid out webpage via CMS. Filed accurate, concise and thorough reports daily. Pitched and wrote legal news stories for national website.

Center for Biological Diversity

Regional Office Manager

05.1999 - 02.2004

Successfully administered nonprofit environmental law organization through doubling of budget and staff. Acted as principal contact for public and vendors. Developed and implemented employee policies. Maintained and updated databases. Administered health benefits. Managed interns and work-study students. Conducted extensive bookkeeping.

Additional Experience

Pan Left Productions

Filmmaker

07.2001 - 05.2009

Researched, produced and edited video news features and documentaries. Collaborated with members of nonprofit video group to promote media efforts. Secured travel and distribution grants. Marketed and distributed videos internationally.

Arizona Independent Media Center

Co-founder

09.2000 - 02.2004

Coordinated editorial group for local branch of web-based international media network. Produced feature and news stories. Carried out extensive outreach and promotion. Moderated open-publishing newswire and comments, designed and implemented graphical and technical aspects of site. Transcoded various file formats for web upload.

Skills Information technology: Microsoft Office; Adobe - Acrobat Professional / Photoshop / InDesign / Dreamweaver / Soundbooth; HTML, PHP; CMS - Drupal / TikiWiki / proprietary; Quark Xpress; Video - Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro, iMovie, Cleaner, Quicktime; Wordfast; Dira; social media including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google+

Languages: Spanish, German, Portuguese, Nepali

References and clips available on request