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EXPERIENCE

Multimedia producer and online editor, *The Vancouver Sun*, Sept. '07 - June '08

Covered and edited breaking news, wire news and galleries for the web — at times with five competing bosses, at times with zero supervision. Also edited and co-produced over 100 online videos, over 20 Soundslides, five Flash applications and over a dozen podcasts. Extracted and converted video footage from many formats. Co-ordinated weekend coverage with freelancers.

General assignment reporter, *The Yukon News*, Whitehorse, Yukon, May – July 2007

Provided vacation relief. Compiled 71 bylines in 3 months. Covered legislature, city politics, environment, courts and business. Initiated a well-received in-depth series on radon's impact on health and real estate in Whitehorse and covered the ongoing battle between caribou conservationists and oil and gas developers in the north regions of the territory.

Contributing writer, *The Vancouver Courier*, 2004 - 2007

Wrote a dozen profiles of artists and entrepreneurs and 10 cover stories (2,500-3,000 word features), three of which were award-winning (one gold in 2006 and two bronzes in 2007 from the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association). Feature stories include Vancouver's sushi habit; the lack of herpes testing in STD clinics; and the soaring urban eagle population.

Freelance writer, 2004 - 2008

Published in *The Globe and Mail*, *The Georgia Straight*, *Western Living Magazine*, *Vancouver Magazine*, *Vancouver Review*, *The Tyee* (online), *Momentum Magazine*, *Cranked Magazine*, and *Seven Oaks Magazine* (online). My most recent article was a cover story for *Momentum* about Lance Armstrong's new bicycle shop ("Shifting Priorities," May 2008). Fact-checker/intern at *Western Living Magazine*, for six weeks in April-May 2005.

Programmer, engineering trainee, positions held between 1998-2004, some for school credit. Between May and September 2004 I developed interactive Flash games for the Virtual Museum of Canada (Google "Journey to a new land" for site); for ten months beginning in July 2000 I worked in Silicon Valley in an e-Commerce and contract FPGA consulting firm, Nuvation Labs; and for four months each I worked in the design verification division of Nortel's semiconductor plant (late 1998) and in the biomedical engineering department of Vancouver General Hospital (early 1998).

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY

2008-2009 Fulbright student, magazine and Stabile Center investigative focus
M.S. Journalism expected May 2009

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver/Burnaby, BC, Canada

B.A.Sc. First Class Honors, Electrical Systems Engineering, graduated June 2004, 3.845 GPA
Credits earned include several elective business, Spanish, and English/communications courses, one semester with SFU's Center for Dialogue; and one year at the University of Sussex (UK).

SKILLS

Cycling far and fast on a fixed-gear; proficient in HTML, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash actionscript, Audacity/Garageband, iMovie, Soundslides, computer-assisted research (Excel, statistics, math, online sleuthing), digital photography (SLR and auto); fluent in French.