

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results driven writer/editor seeking entry-level to mid-level communications or operations position. Adept at distilling technical information, refining ideas, and translating difficult subjects for varied audiences across numerous platforms and disciplines.

Well-versed in print and digital communication. Known for close attention to detail, effective analytical and communicative skills, ability to work in difficult conditions including overseas, and time-sensitive prioritization of tasks (individually and in teams) in order to ensure successful completion of deliverables.

Values the process, the individual, and the client. Driven to learn, improve, and grow. Enjoys working with the traditional and the unorthodox. Wide breadth of knowledge/creativity across multiple subjects.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance, Remote 01/2020-Present
Journalist/Copywriter

- Researched & wrote articles for news publications or businesses
- Traveled to locations to ascertain legitimacy and conduct interviews
- Recent clients: Washington Informer, X-Ring Supply LLC, Rifles Only LLC

Florida Today/Gannett Corporation, Melbourne, FL 01/2019-12/2019
Contract Photojournalist

- Captured dynamic photography and video of regional sporting events
- Photographed, edited, captioned for print and online publication on tight deadlines
- Self-edited all material prior to national posting

National Public Radio, Melbourne, FL 01/2017-12/2019
Senior Radio Intern (WFIT 89.5FM)

- Composed public service announcements for regional broadcast
- Interviewed guests, administrative personnel, and prominent local figures
- Self-edited all audio files prior to upload and broadcast

Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL 01/2017-01/2018
Personal Assistant to VP of Media Affairs

- Inter-department liaison
- Researched various academic subjects and translated for general readership
- Drafted/reviewed press releases, speeches, and memos

US Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, KY 07/2017
ROTC Public Affairs Intern

- Emergency personnel replacement
- Individually selected by Florida Tech ROTC Cadre for position
- Produced varied content for daily deadlines
- Built rapport with diverse federal/military personnel

Publix Supermarket, Fairhope, AL 09/2013-05/2015
Retail Associate

- Cross-department associate (deli, customer service, stocking)
- Trained associates and supervised various activities
- Maintained department inventories

EDUCATION

Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge, MA

Graduate ALM in Creative Writing

01/2024-Present

Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, Washington, DC

MPS in Journalism

08/2021-12/2023

Oxford University (Exeter College), Oxford, England

Creative Writing Certification

07/2022-08/2022

- Fiction and nonfiction courses
- Passed with distinction

Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL

BS in Multiplatform Journalism

08/2016-12/2019

- Magna Cum Laude
- President's List, Dean's List, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Pi Eta
- SGA Senator and co-chairman of Signature Committee
- Member of student paper (*The Crimson*)

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Spark
- Copywriter & Editor
- Firearm & Firearm Law Subject Matter Expert
- Professional Photographer
- Self-publishing and manuscript formatting

CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS/AWARDS

- GJS 3-day Hostile Environments & Emergency First Aid course
- Accredited TEFL 120+ hours (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)
- Google 360 certified photographer
- Natl Prof Photographers Association & Society of Prof Journalists membership
- Journalists & Writers Foundation 2023 training webinar (27 June - 11 July)
- *Beyond the Frame: Unconventional Perspectives* 2024 Winner: Georgetown University

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (Non-vacation)

- Tallinn, Estonia 07/2022
- Novo Selo, Bulgaria 02/2018
- Gricignano, Italy 2009-2012
- Guantanamo Bay, Cuba 1998-2004

HOBBIES/VOLUNTEER WORK

- Photography, Videography, Creative Writing, Dogs, Video Games
- South Brevard (FL) Food Bank, Navy MWR, 826DC, Baldwin Co (AL) Humane Society

SAMPLES

Photography: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/153205351@N02/>

Articles: <https://www.rolandhesmondhalgh.com>