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Objective

To write about information technology for technical and general audiences, using my experience in both journalism and computer science.

Editorial Experience

Government Computer News

Senior Technology Editor (current title), Oct 2003 - Present

- Covers how U.S. federal, state and local government agencies use IT, as well as how developments in the field of IT affect these users.
- Writes in-depth technical feature stories and shorter news updates for bi-weekly print publication.
- Writes 3-5 breaking news stories and news analysis blog entries each week for the Web site.
- Keeps abreast of developments in the field of IT, through conferences and meetings.
- Maintains contacts with key researchers, developers and operational personnel and management.
- Wrote stories that garnered awards and nominations from the American Business Media and the American Society for Business Publication Editors.
- When needed, commissions and edits full-length feature stories.
- Provides technical expertise to editorial management team, as well as participates in editorial strategy discussions.

Washington Technology

Senior Writer, July 2001 - Oct 2003

- Covered how IT integrators support U.S. federal agencies, as well as how developments in the field of IT affect integrators.
- Wrote in-depth technical feature stories and shorter news updates for bi-weekly print publication.
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National Technology Transfer Center

Technology Writer, Oct. 1998 - July 2001

- Wrote articles for a newsletter sent to potential investors that explained the benefits of specific Defense Department-developed technologies.
- Delivered two full-length technical reports, on fiber-optics and missile defense technologies.
- Wrote full-length technical briefings (called "Spin-Off Reports") on Defense Department-funded technologies.

WHERE Baltimore

Editor, Jan 1997 – Oct 1998

- Ran editorial operations for monthly magazine targeted for business travelers.
- Assigned stories, edited copy.
- Oversaw editorial workflow.

Baltimore City Paper

Technology Columnist/Contributing Writer, Sept 1992 - Present

- From 1995 - 2001, wrote a syndicated weekly column about technology, called "Cyberpunk."
- Contributes, on a freelance basis, feature articles, arts pieces and reviews.

Baltimore magazine

Research Director/Staff Writer, Aug 1993 - Jan 1995

- As staff writer and later as contributing writer, wrote full-length service articles and features covering topics such as health care and technology.
- As research director, supplied background for feature articles and service pieces.
- Provided research for a service article on health care, "Centers of Excellence" (Dec 1993 issue), which was nominated for an award by the American Society of Magazine Editors.

Towson University Towerlight

Arts Editor, Jan - May 1991

- Oversaw the editorial workflow for the arts section of this weekly campus newspaper, including the assignment and editing of stories and procurement of artwork.

Education

University of Maryland University College

Currently enrolled

- Certificate in Web Programming

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Completed 2005

- Certificate of Accomplishment in Engineering Technology

Towson University

Graduated 1999

- Master of Arts, Liberal Studies
- Concentration: Writing About Data Communications

University of Maryland Baltimore County

Graduated 1990

- Bachelor of Science
- Major: Psychology
- Minor: Writing

Additional Freelance Writing

- *IEEE Spectrum*
- *Washington Post*
- *Linux Magazine*
- *UMBC Magazine*
- DevChannel
- *Netly News*
- *Long Island Voice*
- *Kansas City Pitch Weekly*
- *New Route* (Alternative music magazine)
- *Rox* (Local music magazine)
- *Blues Access*
- *Harry* (Baltimore underground newspaper)
- *Art in Progress* (Maryland arts monthly)
- *Mt. Airy Gazette*
- *UMBC Retriever* (Campus newspaper)
- *M.I.T. Technology Review*
- National Geographic News
- Altnet
- Linux Weekly News
- National Geographic's Green Guide
- *Baltimore Urbanite*
- *Texas Technology*
- Telegeography
- *Birmingham Black n' White*
- *Financial Review* (Australia)
- Black Rock City Gazette
- Foster Child (Music zine)
- Spock Science Monitor
- Pigdog Journal (Online zine)
- Baltimore Blues Society monthly newsletter

Awards

American Business Media

- 2003-"Network-Centric Warfare Comes of Age," Washington Technology: Neal Award Finalist, Best Article.

American Society of Business Publication Editors, National Awards

- 2005-"Mission Gap," Government Computer News: Bronze, Special Section (Part of a multi-story package).
- 2004-"Lessons From Iraq," Washington Technology: Silver, Feature Article.

American Society of Business Publication Editors, Central-Southeast Region

- 2005-"Profiles in Leadership," Government Computer News: Gold, Special Section (Part of a multi-story package).
- 2004-"Lessons From Iraq," Washington Technology: Gold, Feature article.
- 2004-"Pentagon Backs Spiral Development," Washington Technology: Silver, Technical Article.

Society of Professional Journalists, Maryland Chapter

- 2000-"Geeks to the Rescue," Baltimore magazine: First Place, Human Interest, Magazines.
- 1998- Cyberpunk column, Baltimore City Paper: First Place, Column Writing, Weekly Newspapers.

U.S. Army

- 1985- Army Achievement Medal, "Exemplary Service."
- 1984- Army Achievement Medal, "Exemplary Service." \

Technical Training

- Java
- Python
- Perl
- Bash (Unix Shell)
- Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)
- Extensible Markup Language (XML)
- Linux/Unix
- TCP/IP
- Unix tools
- Fiber Optics
- Javascript
- C
- SQL
- Visual Basic
- Cascading Style Sheets
- Windows/DOS
- Basic Electronics
- Solid State Electronics
- Programmable Logic Controllers

Other Employment

- Psychiatric Nursing Counselor
- Newspaper Circulation Assistant
- Parts Clerk, Army
- Carpet Layer, Assistant

References

- Available upon request.