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Summary of Qualifications:

- Experienced news writer and editor.
- Experienced news photographer.
- Creative copy writer.
- Strong background in layout and design.

Skills Profile:

News Reporting and Public Information:

- Writing on a wide range of topics for the *Oklahoma Gazette*, including music, architecture, politics, urban transit and planning, and eco-friendly funeral practices.
- Wrote weekly feature column in *Enid News and Eagle*, and Pulitzer-Lerner neighborhood newspapers in Chicago.
- Covered courts, law enforcement, city and county governments, business, school board, community groups and wrote an extensive range of feature stories.
- Promoted the Enid Public Library through writing and distribution of press releases about Library activities; designed posters, programs and brochures to publicize Library activities and presentations.
- Took wide variety of photographs to accompany stories. Experienced in old-school film processing and darkroom techniques, as well as digital photography.

Editing and Design:

- Chief paginator of *The Edmond Sun's* Sunday edition. Daily pagination of broadsheet newspaper pages, using local and wire service stories, and photographs from staff photographers and wire services.
- Daily use of a desktop computer and QuarkXPress, NewsEdit IQue, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop applications.
- Initiated story ideas; developed new and continuing features; assigned stories to be covered; checked facts; wrote headlines; edited stories to fit page layout.
- Responsible for layout and design of wide range of documents, either working from customer instructions, or using personal discretion.

Work Experience:

Journalism:

- Contributing Writer, *The Oklahoma Gazette* – 2004-present
- Paginator/Staff Writer, *The Edmond Sun* - 2003-2004
- Correspondent, *Tulsa World* - 1993-1994
- Staff Writer, *Edwardsville Intelligencer* - 1992-1993
- Staff Writer, Pioneer Press *Oak Leaves* - 1990
- Staff Writer, *Enid News and Eagle* - 1989-1990
- Staff Writer, *Clewiston News* - 1987-1989
- Editorial Assistant, *Chicago Tribune* - 1986-1987
- Writer, Pulitzer-Lerner Newspapers - 1985-1987

Public Relations / Public Information:

- Public Information Officer, *Enid Public Library* - 1998-2001

Typesetting & Design:

- Typesetter/Designer, *The Dougherty Press, Inc.*, Enid, OK - 1993-1998

Related Technical Knowledge:

Experienced with the following applications on PC and Macintosh platforms:

- QuarkXpress
- NewsEdit IQue
- Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
- MS Word
- BBEdit

Served as a beta tester for improvement of three different Web development applications.

Education:

- Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL; BA - Journalism

Honors/Awards:

- 2010 Oklahoma Society of Professional Journalists PRO Chapter - 1st Place and Honorable Mention for feature writing.

References:

- Available on request.