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QUALIFICATIONS

Highly motivated, enterprising visual communicator with strong journalistic ethics. Excellent people skills and collaborative abilities. Proficient knowledge of all aspects of visual storytelling, with experience as a photographer, editor, audio engineer, and video/multimedia producer.

EDUCATION/AWARDS

1997-2001 University of Texas-Austin, Bachelors of Journalism
[*Deans List, Headliners Scholarship recipient*]

2004 Platypus Workshop graduate [*program for still photographers converting to video*]

2004, 2006 Barbara Jordan Media Award recipient [*statewide award for excellence in communicating about people with disabilities*]

EMPLOYMENT

October 2003-Present, Staff Photographer, Austin American-Statesman

- Cover wide range of subject matter for all sections of 185,000 circulation daily
- Edit own photos and other staff photographer work
- Coordinate with designers and editors to make decisions about photos in paper or online
- Produce online slideshows and videos for website
- Collaborate with editors, reporters, and designers to determine how best to illustrate and present ideas visually to readership
- Schedule projects and assignments for self and other photographers
- Constantly interact with the public as a representative of the media
- Travel throughout the state for news, human interest, tourism, and sports coverage

June 2002-present, Freelance Photographer, Austin, Texas

- Independent Contractor hired by various editorial publications, commercial and private clients, including: New York Times, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, USA Today, Associated Press, Red Bull
- Market and promote business through advertising, website, and professional contacts

January-October 2003, Staff Photographer, Associated Press, Austin bureau

- Photographed the 2003 Texas State legislative session, including 2 special sessions
- Researched and documented important local stories for statewide publication
- Covered UIL high school state championships and other daily news on tight deadlines

August 2001-June 2002, Photo Intern, Cedar Rapids Gazette

- Photographed for all sections of 73,000 circulation daily
- Enterprised photo ideas, especially in the monthly "Neighbors" section which profiled small, nearby towns in multiple photo packages