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EXPERIENCE

The Public Interest Network — U.S. PIRG and Environment America

Boston, MA
10/11 – present

Grants Writer

Writes, edits and generates ideas for grant proposals on behalf of a network of environmental and public interest nonprofits. Works with staff to navigate the world of funders and the grant-seeking process, to build support for issues ranging from clean energy to keeping toxic chemicals out of everyday products.

Fund for the Public Interest

Denver, CO/Portland, OR
2/08-10/11

Direct Mail Fundraising Director

Responsible for a direct mail fundraising operation that raised \$1.5M-\$2.0M annually for other nonprofits. Oversaw hundreds of mailings each year to more than 700,000 supporters, renewing memberships and raising funds to support dozens of environmental and public interest campaigns. Developed and edited mailing copy, tracked performance, oversaw planning and strategy. Supervised a staff of 3-5 employees, along with outside vendors.

Citizen Outreach Director

4/06-2/08

Recruited, trained and managed a staff of up to 40 canvassers to engage citizens on behalf of some of the country's top progressive groups, including OSPIRG, Environment Oregon, the Human Rights Campaign and the Sierra Club. Instrumental in passing a state renewable energy standard, and winning an election that protected almost one million acres of open spaces in Oregon.

Scottsdale and East Valley Tribune

Mesa and Scottsdale, AZ
8/02-9/03

Reporter

Covered competitive education beat in Tempe and Scottsdale for the Tribune, a daily newspaper of about 100,000 circulation. Coverage included child molestation scandals, No Child Left Behind, and funding battles with the Arizona State Legislature. Contributed daily articles, and longer, in-depth features and series.

Arizona Daily Star

Tucson, AZ
2000

Reporting Intern

Covered science and research during *NASA Science Writing Internship* with Arizona Daily Star. In a second internship, covered police beat and general assignments for the Tucson newspaper of about 100,000 circulation. During these two reporting internships, was responsible for beat coverage and enterprise articles, generating dozens of stories on daily deadlines. Coverage ranged from a triple homicide to space exploration.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ
1996-2000

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and English

Magna Cum Laude. Donald Still Award, for excellence at the Arizona Daily Wildcat, 1999/2000. William Hattich Award, for journalism professionalism, 1999/2000. Department finalist for editorial writing in Hearst Journalism Awards, 2000/01. Eugene C. Pulliam Scholarship 1999.

Arizona Daily Wildcat

Tucson, AZ
1999-2000

Editor in chief, city editor, reporter

Responsible for independent, daily college newspaper with 40,000 readers and about 90 newsroom employees. Wrote editorials, proofread copy and designed pages. As city editor, ran the news desk, editing all copy daily and assigning stories to reporters. Also reported on administration and faculty, including on campus protests, funding shortfalls and allegations of racism among faculty.

References available upon request.