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EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE WRITER AND EDITOR

Report and write stories for a variety of regional and national publications, including *Parents*, *Mothering*, *Southpark Magazine*, *Planning magazine* and *The New York Times*. 2006 - present.

MOMSHARLOTTE.COM

• *Administrator* – Selected from dozens of applicants to co-launch *The Charlotte Observer's* website for moms. Helped design the site, loaded it with daily content and moderated its forums. The site had more than 150,000 page views its first month, far surpassing the industry norm. April - August 2008.

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

• *Assistant Metro Editor* – supervised reporters, edited stories and oversaw all aspects of the newspaper's local section. July 2006 – March 2009.

• *Reporter* – consistently wrote high impact, front-page stories during eight years as a metro reporter. Covered a variety of beats including city hall, higher education and growth and development. Investigated local animal shelters in an award-winning series that prompted change at the state and local level. Also uncovered the unethical activities of a suburban school board member that prompted his resignation. March 1999-April 2006.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER Cherry Hill, N.J.

• *Correspondent* - covered politics, development, crime and education in four municipalities in Philadelphia's New Jersey suburbs. May 1997-March 1999.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Richmond, Va.

• *General Assignment Reporter* - reported and edited print and broadcast stories. Sept. 1996-May 1997.

INTERNSHIPS

• Interned at *Time Magazine*, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and *The Arizona Republic*. 1993-1996.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

• Majored in political science and American studies, graduated May 1996, *cum laude*.

• Completed Georgetown University's Institute of Political Journalism summer program

• Served as editor in chief of *Scholastic Magazine*, the university's weekly news and feature magazine.

HONORS AND SKILLS

• North Carolina Press Association second place award for public service, 2003.

• Genesis Award for best newspaper article or series of articles, 2003.

• Green-Rossiter third place award for distinguished work in higher education, 2001.

• Virginia Press Association First Place Award for General News Writing, 1995