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EDUCATION

Truman State University

100 E Normal St., Kirksville, Mo.

Bachelor of Arts, English

Concentrations: Writing, Criticism Minors: Biology, Philosophy **GPA**: 3.75 Maior GPA: 4.00 **Expected Graduation**: May 2015

University of Stirling

Stirling FK9 4LA, Scotland, United Kingdom

International Study (June – July 2013)

GPA: 4.00

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Sigma Tau Delta

International English Honors Fraternity

Chapter President (Jan. 2014 – Jan. 2015)

- Led about 25 members in service and fellowship activities to promote study of language, writing, and literature on campus.
- Chapter raised funds for charity FirstBook.

ACP/CMA National Association

Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Association

Speaker (Oct. 2013, New Orleans, La.)

- Conducted a workshop and a roundtable discussion on leadership and media management at a national convention.

Student Research Conference

Truman State's undergraduate research forum

Presenter (April 2013, Kirksville, Mo.)

- Discussed faculty-mentored research that applied women's and gender studies criticism to middle eastern literature.

OTHER PUBLISHINGS/AWARDS

Prairie Margins Literary Magazine (Nov. 2014)

- Short fiction

Windfall Literary Magazine (April 2014)

- Poetry and creative nonfiction

Missouri College Media Association

- Received five statewide awards for student journalism, writing, and photography at the Truman State Index.

EXPERIENCE

Truman State University Index

The University's weekly, student-produced newspaper Circulation: 4.500 General Staff: ~65 Editorial Staff: 12 1200 Barnett Hall, S Franklin St., Kirksville, Mo.

Editor In Chief (Aug. 2014 – May 2015)

- Led production and operation of the University's weekly student-produced newspaper.
- Served as final editor for news, sports, features, and columns; oversaw design; coordinated advertising and marketing; made steering decisions for newspaper.
- As member of TMN Media Board, achieved greater convergence and increased web presence.
- Newspaper named "Best In State College Newspaper" during 2014 and "Best In Division" during 2015 by Missouri College Media Association.

Previous Roles:

Managing Editor (Aug. 2013 – May 2014) Opinions Editor (Aug. 2012 – May 2013) **Copy Editor** (Jan. 2012 – May 2012) **Columnist** (Dec. 2011 – May 2012)

Missouri Farm Bureau Federation

Missouri's largest agricultural organization; farm lobby, multi-line insurance writer

701 S Country Club Dr., Jefferson City, Mo.

Public Affairs Intern (May – Aug. 2014)

- Wrote a 100-page historical publication for MFB's centennial. Assisted with research, editing, and gathering art.
- Wrote stories, designed pages, and photographed for MFB's Show Me member magazine.
- Assisted with "Keep Missouri Farming" political campaign by gathering testimonials, writing press releases, writing editorials, recording press conferences, and providing audiovisual support.

Southeast Missourian

Daily newspaper serving southeast Missouri with a circulation of 17,000

301 Broadway St., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

News/Features Reporter (May – Aug. 2012)

- Summer intern responsible for writing news and features stories.
- Covered political events, community interest events, beat coverage of crime and fire.