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Writer. Photographer. Journalist.

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EXPERIENCE

Flathead Beacon, Kalispell, Montana — *Staff Writer*

JUNE 2011 - PRESENT

General assignment reporter focused on criminal justice, transportation

Trains Magazine — *National Correspondent*

OCTOBER 2012 - PRESENT

Correspondent for national railroad magazine

The Daily Dot — *Contributor*

SEPTEMBER 2011 - JANUARY 2015

Writer for upstart news site covering the internet and its communities

Montana Kaimin, Missoula, Montana — *News Editor*

AUGUST 2009 - MAY 2011

Writer and editor for Montana's independent student newspaper

Maine Magazine, Portland, Maine — *Editorial Assistant*

MAY 2010 - AUGUST 2010

Writer and editorial assistant for regional lifestyle magazine

EDUCATION

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana — *Journalism*

AUGUST 2007 - MAY 2011

REFERENCES

Kellyn Brown, Editor-in-Chief, Flathead Beacon

(406) 257-9220, editor@flatheadbeacon.com

Steve Sweeney, Associate Editor, Trains Magazine

(262) 798-6584, ssweeney@kalmbach.com

Carol Van Valkenburg, Professor, University of Montana

(406) 370-6524, carolvanvalkenburg@gmail.com

SKILLS

Time management

Ability to work under pressure

Familiar with current media and marketing trends

Experience with video and audio editing.

Deep knowledge of rail industry

AWARDS

Mark Henckel Outdoor Writing Award

Montana Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest Awards

Hearst Journalism Award
Second Place Feature Writing
2011

PUBLISHED WORK

Associated Press, Seattle P-I, Mashable.com, Atlas Obscura, Railfan & Railroad Magazine, Passenger Train Journal, Empire Builder Magazine, Flathead Living Magazine, Railroad Heritage Magazine, Maine Home + Design, Glacier Journal