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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Eight years of professional experience researching, writing, editing and copyediting various forms of book, magazine and newspaper editorial; Web site copy; press releases; literature; essays; stageplays and poetry
- Served as editor of the general interest department at Publications International, Ltd., a wide-market book publisher specializing in historical chronicles, biographies and Americana
- Served as managing editor of *PINK Magazine*, a national lifestyle & culture quarterly, and as film section editor and copyeditor of *HonestMag.*, a Chicago-based arts & culture biannual
- Creative writing instructor and seasoned freelance journalist with published articles in national magazines
- Strong academic background in expository, critical and educational writing; film theory; film history; English and philosophy; proficient in AP and *The Chicago Manual of Style*

**RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE:**

2008-Present

[Rutland Herald, Rutland, VT](#)

Positions - Arts Columnist, Correspondent

Duties - Writing a prominent weekly column for the arts section of Vermont's second largest daily newspaper; conceiving of and researching topics per installment; interviewing personalities in the realms of visual arts, music, literature and film; non-column reporting of arts-relevant news items

Web - [www.rutlandherald.com](http://www.rutlandherald.com)

[Southern Vermont Arts & Living, Brattleboro, VT](#)

Positions - Contributing Editor, Event Listings Coordinator

Duties - Evaluating and developing potential editorial content for a glossy arts quarterly, pinpointing cultural events and noted members of the New England creative community for inclusion, sustaining the events calendar, writing publicity-related materials, collaborating closely with the editor and art director

Web - [www.vermontartsliving.com](http://www.vermontartsliving.com)

2006-2008

[Publications International, Ltd., Morton Grove, IL](#)

Position - Editor, General Interest Department

Duties - Spearheading the book development and production process from initial idea through subsequent drafts and page layout to galleys, dummies and final editing; hiring and coaching freelance writers; organizing and supervising photo shoots; extensive networking; writing jacket copy for varied international trade markets

Web - [www.pilbooks.com](http://www.pilbooks.com)

2005-2007

[UR Chicago Magazine, Chicago, IL](#)

Positions - Film Critic, Wine Critic, Staff Writer

Duties - Crafting creative interviews, articles and reviews; interviewing both high-profile and under-the-radar film and music artists such as Edward Norton, Elijah Wood, Death Cab for Cutie, Miranda July, Tori Amos and Bonnie "Prince" Billy; monthly wine review

Web - [www.urchicago.com](http://www.urchicago.com)

[Time Out Chicago, Chicago, IL](#)

Position - Music Journalist

Duties - Interviewing dynamic, influential artists such as Peanut Butter Wolf for a weekly entertainment magazine with editions published internationally, securing talent interviews, communicating with publicists, maintaining industry contacts, covering industry events

Web - [www.timeout.com/chicago](http://www.timeout.com/chicago)

[Newcity, Chicago, IL](#)

Position - Visual Art Critic

Duties - Penning critiques of painting, photography, sculpture and fibers exhibitions for an alternative weekly; attending gallery openings; space evaluation; staying abreast of constantly changing art world trends

Web - [www.newcitychicago.com](http://www.newcitychicago.com)

2005-2006

[PINK, Chicago, IL](#)

Position - Managing Editor

Duties - Overseeing the production and editing of a national (+ Canada) quarterly lifestyle & culture publication including four regional editions, coordinating freelance and staff writers, evaluating potential editorial content, working closely with the art director and graphic designers, sustaining the editorial calendar

Web - [www.pinkmag.com](http://www.pinkmag.com)

2004-2006

[Parallel Learning Series, Chicago, IL](#)

Positions - Children's Educational Writer, Copyeditor

Duties - Creating modern versions of classic children's stories and myths for a unique elementary- and secondary-level textbook series; includes poetry, playwriting, adaptations and nonfiction; material spans science, social studies, English and history

2004-2005

[HonestMag., Chicago, IL](#)

Positions - Film Editor, Copyeditor

Duties - Orchestrating the film section of a biannual arts & culture publication, generating ideas, liaising between writers and the editor-in-chief, in-depth cinematic research, interviewing film artists, feature writing, copyediting general magazine content

Web - [www.honestmag.com](http://www.honestmag.com)

[University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL](#)

Position - Creative Writing Workshop Instructor

Duties - Leading classrooms of underprivileged high school students—one senior group and one sophomore group—in poetry appreciation, analysis and creation during two university-sponsored summer programs; facilitating group critiques and discussions

[University of Illinois at Chicago - Project CHANCE, Chicago, IL](#)

Positions - English/Philosophy Tutor, Paper Proofreader, Newsletter/Web site Copyeditor

Duties - Assisting college students with paper improvement and English and philosophy mastery in a daily study group, editing quarterly program materials, Web site copyediting

Freelance Doctoral Thesis Editor and Research Assistant

Client List Including:

Tiffanie McLeary - Northwestern University (Educational Administration)

Judith Armstrong - University of Illinois at Chicago (Elementary Education)

2001-2003

*Hip Hop Congress Newsletter, Champaign, IL*

(concurrent with education)

Positions - Film Critic, Columnist, Copyeditor

Duties - Maintaining a local cinema-scene column, writing film and DVD reviews, copyediting and proofreading content in a quarterly university publication

**TOPICAL WRITING EXPERIENCE:**

Nature, travel, dining, event/catering industries, wine, health, spas/dermatological industry, aging issues, music, cinema, filmmaking, pop culture, cultural analysis, politics, sociopolitical issues, literature, painting

**ARTIST INTERVIEWS:**

Film:

Ang Lee - film director; *Brokeback Mountain*; *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*; *The Ice Storm*

Elijah Wood - film actor; *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

Keanu Reeves - film actor; *A Scanner Darkly*; *The Matrix 1, 2, and 3*; *Speed*; *Parenthood*

Jennifer Todd Reeves - experimental film director/experimental sound artist; *The Time We Killed*

Miranda July - film director/performance artist/novelist; *Me and You and Everyone We Know*

Edward Norton - film actor/film producer/film director; *The Painted Veil*, *Fight Club*, *American History X*

Jeff Feuerzeig - documentarist; *The Devil and Daniel Johnston*

Rian Johnson - film director; *The Brothers Bloom*, *Brick*

Albert Brooks - comedian/film actor/film director; *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World*, SNL alumni

Sanaa Lathan - film actress; *Something New*, *Brown Sugar*, *Alien vs. Predator*, *Love and Basketball*, *The Wood*

Brian Nelson - screenwriter/playwright/novelist; *Hard Candy*

Patrick Wilson - film actor; *Little Children*, *Hard Candy*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Angels in America*

Hany Abu-Assad - Palestinian film producer/film director; *Paradise Now*, *Rana's Wedding*, *Long Days in Gaza*

Agnieszka Holland - Polish film director; *Copying Beethoven*, *Total Eclipse*, *The Secret Garden*, *Europa Europa*

Gavin Smith - editor-in-chief; *Film Comment* magazine

Music:

Tori Amos - alternative rock singer/songwriter; *American Doll Posse*, *Boys for Pele*, *Under the Pink*

Death Cab for Cutie - rock musicians; *Plans*, *Translanticism*, *We Have The Facts and We're Voting Yes*

Saul Williams - hip hop emcee/political activist/poet/film actor; *Not in My Name*, *Amethyst Rock Star*

A-Trak - hip hop turntablist/former DMC World Champion; *Dirty South Dance*, *Sunglasses is a Must*

moe. - progressive rock musicians; *No Doy*, *Tin Cans and Car Tires*, *Wormwood*, *Sticks and Stones*

Nitzer Ebb - pioneering British industrial musicians; *Showtime*, *That Total Age*, *Body of Work*

Dead Prez - hip hop emcees; *Revolutionary But Gangsta*, *Turn off the Radio Vol. 1 and 2*, *Let's Get Free*

Psalm 1 - hip hop emcee; *The Death of Frequent Flyer*, *Bio:Chemistry II: Esters and Essays*

American Analog Set - rock musicians; *Set Free*, *Promise of Love*

Big Wu - roots rock musicians; *Tool for Evening*, *Spring Reverb*, *Tracking Buffalo Through the Bathtub*

Blue Cheer - classic-era rock musicians; *The Original Human Being*, *Outsideinside*, *Vincebus Eruptum*

DJ Krush - Japanese trip hop producer/turntablist; *OuMuPo 6*, *Jaku*, *Zen*, *Meiso*, *Stepping Stones*

Bonnie “Prince” Billy a.k.a. Will Oldham - legendary folk singer/songwriter; *The Letting Go*  
Luke Vibert - British acid house, trip hop and drum n’ bass DJ/producer; *Sorry I Make You Lush*, *YosepH*  
TRS-80 - ambient electronica musicians; *Mystery Crash*, *Shake Hands With Danger*, *Mr. Kickass*  
Peanut Butter Wolf a.k.a Chris Manak - hip hop DJ/producer/label-founder; *Stones Throw Records*  
Bump - neo-synth prog rock musicians; *Incredible Consequence*, *The Heart of Cadillac Square*  
Grace Potter and the Nocturnals - blues rock musicians; *This is Somewhere*, *Nothing But the Water*  
Zilla - String Cheese Incident side project/organic electronica instrumentalists; *all iZ*, *Egg*, *Zilla*  
Klaxons - British dance-punk electronica musicians; *Myths of the Near Future*  
Juice - legendary hip hop battle emcee; *All Bets Off*, *Listen2thaWerds*, *Tip of the Iceberg*, *100% Juice*  
Peter Blanchette - baroque and renaissance classical guitarist; *Eight Hundred Years*, *A Night in the Village*  
New Riders of the Purple Sage - classic-era roots rock musicians; *Power Glide*, *Gypsy Cowboys*, *NRPS*  
Stan Ridgway - gothic folk troubadour; *Snakebite: Blacktop Ballads and Fugitive Songs*, *The Big Heat*  
Evan Goodrow Band - blues musicians; *Modern Soul*, *Songs That Will Never Make the Radio*, *Twenty-Four*  
Ryan Montbleau Band - folk-pop musicians; *Patience on Friday*, *One Fine Color*, *Stages*

#### Visual Art:

Wolf Kahn - NYC-based oil/pastel painter of naturalistic themes; Ameringer & Yohe  
Eric Aho - Vermont-based oil painter of abstracted landscapes; Reeves Contemporary  
Varujan Boghosian - New Hampshire-based found-object constructionist; Beta Walker Gallery  
Dana Clancy - Boston-based installation and acrylic/oil portrait artist  
Timothy Greenfield-Sanders - NYC-based portrait photographer specializing in cultural icons  
Christopher Irion - San Francisco-based portrait photographer specializing in portable public studios  
Kathleen Kolb - Vermont-based oil painter of naturalistic themes; David Findlay Galleries  
Xi Cai - Vermont-based mixed media painter and conceptual artist; C. X. Silver Gallery  
Lucy Fradkin - NYC-based colored pencil and gouache artist of magical realist and folk art themes  
Christine Tarkowski - Chicago-based artist specializing in architectural installations; Priska C. Juschka  
Petria Mitchell - Vermont-based landscape painter in oils; Lanoue Fine Art  
Charles Parness - Vermont-based oil painter of magical realist self-portraits  
John Corbett - gallery owner, art curator, jazz series curator, music producer; *Corbett vs. Dempsey*  
Michaela Harlow - Vermont-based abstract oil/pastel painter; Emily Amy Gallery  
Ann Coleman - Vermont-based commercial portrait and landscape artist; Ann Coleman Gallery  
Bruce Kresnoff - son of the late, Chicago-based bronze, wood and terra cotta sculptress Phyllis Kresnoff  
Giovanna Cecchetti - New Jersey-based abstract painter in oils; Midland Gallery  
Sumru Tekin - Vermont-based conceptual pencil and ink artist; West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park  
Alex Aldrich - executive director; Vermont Arts Council

#### Literature:

Coleman Barks - poet and leading Rumi translator; *Rumi: The Book of Love*, *The Essential Rumi*

#### Food & Wine:

Dora Correia Simões - executive director; ViniPortugal of Torres Vedras, Portugal  
Amanda Marr - chef/sommelier/caterer; Asquared Entertainment, Inc. of Los Angeles, California  
David Richards - chef/sommelier/restaurateur; Sweets n’ Savories of Chicago, Illinois  
Fred Koehler - president; Lynfred Winery of Roselle, Illinois  
Jody Richardson - wine director/partner; Niche of Geneva, Illinois  
Patricia A. Farrington - CEO; Honora Winery and Vineyard of West Halifax, Vermont

### **PUBLICATION LIST:**

National, print:

*Stop Smiling: The Magazine for High-Minded Lowlifes* (bimonthly - circ. 80,000)

*Honest Tune: The American Journal of Jam and Roots* (quarterly - circ. 50,000)

*PINK Magazine* (quarterly - circ. 100,000)

Regional/Local, print:

*Rutland Herald* (daily - circ. 22,000); winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize

*Time Out Chicago* (weekly - circ. 142,680)

*ArtScope Magazine* (bimonthly - circ. 90,000)

*Newcity* (weekly - circ. 70,000)

*UR Chicago Magazine* (monthly - circ. 60,000)

*Chicago Innerview* (monthly - circ. 20,000)

*Brattleboro Reformer* (daily - circ. 15,000)

*Southern Vermont Arts & Living* (quarterly - circ. 90,000)

*Southern Vermont Adventures* (quarterly - circ. 85,000)

*Vermont Maturity* (monthly - circ. 32,000)

*The Commons* (monthly - circ. 6,000)

*Tread Lines: News from The Colorado Trail Foundation* (quarterly - circ. 9,000)

*HonestMag.* (biannual - print version now defunct)

Regional/Local, radio:

New Hampshire Public Radio

Online:

Home Grown Music Network - [www.homegrownmusic.net](http://www.homegrownmusic.net)

### **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Art in Philosophy with a minor in Cinema Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2003; four-year General Assembly full scholarship recipient and Dean's List honoree

### **ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:**

National Association of Black Journalists, est. 1975 \* Web - [www.nabj.org](http://www.nabj.org)

International Women's Writing Guild, est. 1976 \* Web - [www.iwwg.org](http://www.iwwg.org)

Rockingham Arts & Museum Project, est. 1995 (Resident Artist) \* Web - [www.ramp-vt.org](http://www.ramp-vt.org)

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