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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Bachelor of Arts in Fundamentals: Issues and Texts, minor in Classical Studies, December 2008

GPA: 3.8/4.0; College Honors; Dean's List, 2004-present; Journalism Internship Program Fellow

EDITING AND REPORTING EXPERIENCE

Professor Lara J. Nettelfield, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Copy Editor, "Courting Democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Hague Tribunal's Impact in a Postwar State" (Cambridge University Press: forthcoming) (January, 2010)

- Copy-edited final manuscript, bibliography, and index to meet Cambridge University Press style

Council for the Parliament on the World's Religions, Chicago, Illinois

Copy Editor, "2009 Melbourne Parliament Program Book" (October, 2009)

- Copy-edited approximately 600 paragraph length program and event descriptions to meet AP style; coded into content management system

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Intern (June-September 2008)

- Copy-edited and collaborated with journalists throughout region to finalize news briefs, features, interviews, and analysis pieces for publishing
- Designed and maintained independent blog (www.conorgaffney.com). Published daily posts of approx. 1,000 words
- Reported on and published daily proceedings in the War Crimes Chamber of the National Court of Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Researched, interviewed, and gathered data for full-length analysis articles (2,000-2,500 words)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE

Publisher's Intern (February-September 2007)

- Copy-edited 2,000-2,500 word length articles for Delmarva Quarterly magazine to meet AP style
- Contributed op-ed pieces and news briefs for Cape Gazette, as well as feature length articles for Delmarva Quarterly magazine

Diskord Journal of Progressive Thought, Chicago, IL

Editor (January 2007-December 2009)

- Edited submitted articles, provided feedback and support to authors
- Advised and collaborated with editors to develop themes and content of Diskord issues

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Edge Communications, Inc. (Los Angeles, CA)

Social Media Assistant (August 2009-present)

- Manage client social media accounts for large PR firm; research, draft, and distribute text and video content

Alderman Manuel Flores, City of Chicago, Chicago IL

Aldermanic Aide (January-June 2009)

- Wrote, disseminated and published weekly press releases online
- Developed and maintained relationships with local and national media, including The New York Times and the Associated Press
- Member of www.greeneconomychicago.com development team. Collaborated with experts, web developers and political consultants to develop content, site design, and site promotion strategy

SELECTED PUBLISHED WRITING

NB: All articles can be found at: <http://conorsg.wordpress.com/published>

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network; www.birn.eu.com, (June-September 2008)

- "Algerian Six' Hope Court Case Will Hasten Release" June 11, 2008
- "Bosnia Must 'Speed Up' War Crimes Probes" July 10, 2008
- "Seeing Srebrenica" July 14, 2008
- "First Regional Truth Commission Runs Into Doubts" August 6, 2008
- "Sarajevo Film Festival Kicks Off Friday" August 14, 2008

Diskord Journal of Progressive Thought (January 2008-December 2009), Features Editor

- "Study Abroad and the Idea of Liberal Education" Winter 2008. Selected for publication on www.campusprogress.org as "Globalizing Education"

SKILLS

- Proficient in MS Word, MS Excel, Adobe Photoshop CS4, Adobe Illustrator, and website content management systems (Wordpress, Joomla). Some HTML coding experience.

LANGUAGES

- Proficient German. Basic Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian. Some Spanish.