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Objective

To work and learn in an environment that encourages growth and progressive thinking while bringing my own vision and experience to share.

Experience

Marketing & Communications Director

Nov. 2019 to present

Quad-City Times - Dispatch/Argus - Davenport, IA

Using my design, photography, video, writing and interpersonal skills to increase reader and advertiser engagement via a cross section of mediums and platforms.

Associate Editor

February 2019 to November 2019

Dispatch/Argus - Moline, IL

Co-managed the news-development process by helping plan stories, coach reporters and drive digital traffic through breaking news and enterprise journalism.

Director of Photography & Multimedia

2007 to February 2019

Dispatch/Argus - Moline, IL

Manage workflow and workloads of four full-time still photojournalists and one intern, in addition to shooting daily assignments. Produce and coordinate multimedia projects. Conduct photo and video training. Coordinate daily operations and long term planning with the newsroom and various other departments.

Host and producer "The Talking Pictures Podcast"

iTunes 5-star rated photography-themed podcast.

Guest Lecturer

University of Iowa SJMC, Iowa High School Press Assoc., Augustana College, Figge Art Museum; and Quad City Arts Visiting Artist program.

Lead Staff Photographer, Dispatch/Argus

1994 to 2007

Dispatch/Argus - Moline, IL

Supervise and mentor interns, shoot daily assignments, coordinate digital photography training.

Photographer, Dispatch/Argus

1989 to 1994

Dispatch/Argus - Moline, IL

Planning and photographing daily assignments while producing local projects that effect the community.

Education

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Awards

During my time as a full-time photojournalist I was regularly recognized for both my still photography and multi-media work by the National Press Photographers Association, Illinois AP Editors Association, and Illinois Press Association. For list of recent awards - toddmizener.com/awards

Software & Technical Skills

- Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom
- Adobe Creative Suite - Illustrator/InDesign
- Final Cut Pro X and Adobe Premiere
- News writing, copy editing & CMS
- Graphic and magazine design
- Logic, Garage Band & soundboard operation
- Facebook Live
- Location lighting

References

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