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WORK EXPERIENCE

Web and graphic designer, etc., Ottawa — *Self-employed contractor*

April 2017 - Currently

Web and graphic design (WordPress, Shopify, Squarespace); brand design and development, including logo design; social media consulting, small business and individual; photography; content writing and editing; research and analysis, business and editorial;

Freelance writer, Ottawa

August 2016 – Currently

Writing for the National Post, Daily Xtra, other publications; content writing and editing for private clients; has recently signed on to write columns for Loonie Politics and commentary for Defence Report

iPolitics.ca, Ottawa — *National politics reporter*

April 2014 - January 2016

Reported on national and digital security, terrorism, surveillance and privacy through the lens of federal politics. Covered Oct. 22 shooting, C-51 through the legislative process and the 2015 Canadian federal election.

The Dalhousie Gazette, Halifax — *News editor*

August 2013 - April 2014

News editor responsible for a weekly 6-10 page section, managing several dozen contributors in 2013-2014. Covered the Halifax municipal and Nova Scotia provincial elections. Was a staff reporter from 2011-2013, focused on politics – including student union, municipal and provincial politics coverage.

The Watch Magazine, Halifax — *Junior copy editor*

February 2011 - May 2011

I worked with the team responsible for copy editing, fact checking, and was occasionally asked to write.

The Telegraph Journal, Saint John — *Junior reporter, summer*

June 2010 – September 2010

I wrote articles, answered phone calls, did interviews (in English and French, as one of the only bilingual reporters in the features section at the time), and formatted syndicated articles.

WRITING SAMPLES

(links are embedded and pdfs are available)

Election countdown: Who won the social media battle?

Is the Harper government expecting the courts to quash its 'exile' law?

How parties ask for your vote but help themselves to your data

'Anonymous' starts slow leaking of cabinet confidences, CSE spy attempts

Senator Mobina Jaffer says fight over C-51 is just getting started

SKILLS

Research and analysis

HTML and CSS

Graphic design

Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator

Web and social media analytics

MEMBERSHIPS (PAST & PRESENT)

Parliamentary Press Gallery

Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE)

EDUCATION

California Institute for the Arts (Cal Arts), via Coursera – *Specialization in Graphic Design*

March 2017 – May 2017

Online course covering the fundamentals of graphic design, including: art history and theory; design fundamentals including typography and color theory; and branding – logo design, product design, brand development; and more.

University of King's College, Halifax — *Bachelor of Journalism with a double honour in Political Science*

September 2010 - June 2014

Four year journalism degree with a focus on contemporary politics; digital journalism; investigative journalism; radio.

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

Canadian Association of Journalists

LANGUAGES

English native proficiency, spoken and written

French working proficiency, spoken and written

AWARDS

Burned

Nominated for the 2014 CAJ Marketwired Data Award