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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Intern

West Wing Writers // Washington, D.C. (Jan 2023-present)

- Complied and distilled research documents on numerous clients and subjects for colleagues and my own writing.
- Researched, drafted, and published op-eds, speeches, blog posts, and talking points for influential names in politics, entertainment, sports, and media.
- Copy-edited and fact-checked a variety of communications from Tweets to book chapters.
- Drafted and edited copy with senior colleagues.

Writer & Editor (2005-Present)

Published in regional and national publications.

- Published in national publications, including Politico and Rewire.
- Published, edited, and developed The Montana Post, a Montana politics blog and news site that grew to 900,000 unique visits per year, 2005-2021.

Debate Handbook Writer, Editor, and Publisher (2001-2022)

Big Sky Debate // Helena, MT

- Researched, wrote, and edited 60 volumes of research material on high school policy debate on topics ranging from US education policy to Northeast Asian arms sales.
- Developed strong research skills, ranging from Lexis/Nexis to government records searches.
- Developed an e-commerce web site, marketed to high school debate programs, and published print and electronic resources.

Social Studies Dept. Chair/English Teacher/Debate Coach (2020-2022)

Parker School // Kamuela, Hawai'i

- Named Humanities Department chair, managing budget and hiring.
- Piloted AP Government and Human Geography courses.
- Helped students over 95% pass rate on three AP exams.
- Led 30-person debate team to five tournament sweepstakes wins and coached three state champions and three national qualifiers.
- Advised and led our Student Council, spearheading community and campus service events.

English Teacher and Debate Coach (2001-2020)

Helena High School // Helena, Montana

- Received PLATO Philosophy Award for the National Teacher of the Year.
- Named a Distinguished Educator by the Helena Education Foundation every year between 2002-19.
- Piloted and developed five unique courses, including three Advanced Placement courses.
- Coached 30 state champions and national qualifiers in high school speech and debate.
- Effectively integrated the traditional classroom with web-based learning on a personally developed web site, located at <http://www.quixoticpedagogue.org> and developed web sites for department colleagues in multiple disciplines.
- Taught dozens of workshops to teachers, including rhetoric, research, and writing.

Assistant Director of Forensics (1996-2000)

Carroll College // Helena, MT

- Coached Carroll College to its only national championship in parliamentary debate.
- Coached the debate team to four successive top ten finishes in national sweepstakes, 1996-2000.
- Developed international outreach program and local high school coaching program.

EDUCATION

B.A., Secondary Education with English/History

Carroll College, Helena, Montana

Current License: Secondary (5-12) Standard, English/History (Montana)

B.A., English Literature

Carroll College, Helena, Montana

SKILLS

- ✓ Proficient in web design (WordPress, Drupal, E-Commerce Applications).
- ✓ Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office 365, Google Office Suite, and social media marketing tools.
- ✓ Proficient in public speaking and coaching.
- ✓ Proficient in proofreading and copyediting.