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Education

Sewanee; The University of the South, Sewanee, TN May 2012

Majors: English, Philosophy

Experience:

Contributor, PolicyMic and BusinessPundit

Thrice weekly article contributor on politics, business, anti-interventionism, and Millennial news. For PolicyMic I provide timely breaking news coverage several times weekly.

Research and Content Syndication, SeaWaves Tech LLC, Jackson, TN, 3/1/13- Present

Provide timely and SEO-optimized research and copy for infographics and interactive infographics. Work with a team of designers to provide trending and evergreen topics for guides, articles, viral graphics, infographics, and interactive graphics. Work with the aim of branding individual sites, building quality links, and ensuring content goes viral.

Articles: <http://www.businesspundit.com/weve-got-some-unbelievably-small-boots-to-fill/>
<http://www.businesspundit.com/interventionism-as-investment/>

Infographics: <http://www.online-accounting-degrees.net/tax-havens/>

Interactive Graphics: <http://www.greatbusinessschools.org/africa/>

American Politics Research Assistantship, Sewanee, TN Spring 2012

Throughout the spring I was responsible for assisting in research on local (county and state level) politics with Professor Crowder-Meyer of the Sewanee political science department. This research will involve gathering information on the constituency, platforms, and voting trends in local politics nationwide. The end goal of the project is to locate the importance of gender and party allegiance on a local politics scale.

Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library, New Orleans, La Summer 2011

Throughout the summer I completed research for speeches planned for the pending bicentennial of the Louisiana Supreme Court ceremony. I became proficient at Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw searches as well as researched the legal history of several justices of the Louisiana and United States Supreme Courts. I also compiled basic information including important rulings and historical data on every previous and current Louisiana Supreme Court Justice into a comprehensive spreadsheet.

B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center Intern, Indianola, MS Summer 2010

Sold memberships and event space to visitors and previous donors, researched and composed an accepted grant for an independent film festival, responsible for social media of museum, and helped to set up B.B. King's "Homecoming" weekend on the 4th of July. All of these roles were extremely collaborative and involved the organization of team members quickly and coherently. Through my work composing a grant for the film festival, independent films will be showing monthly for local high school and college children throughout the 2011 school year.

Unpaid Experience

Organization

Co-Editor of the "Interlocutor" Sewanee Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy

Dionysus (Student led) Theater: Member (2008)

Men's Varsity Soccer (NCAA, DIII): Player (2008)

Moot Court (2010)

Academic

Sewanee Philosophy Club President (2011)

Sewanee Philosophy Club Vice President (2010)

Order of the Gownsmen Academic Honor Society (2009-2012)

Community Leadership

Philosophy Outreach founder and coordinator (2010-2012)

Leader of Indianola, MS Outreach Trip for Sewanee Outreach (2011, 2012)

