

SHARON ADARLO

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SUMMARY

I am a seasoned writer, journalist and editor with a wide range of experience from shoe-leather crime reporting to penning business stories and longform narratives on a myriad of subjects. I have the ability to sculpt well-written, analytical, and meticulously researched reports under tight deadline. I have experience in online content production and management. I relish diving into documents and ferreting out hidden information. I pride myself on my skill in finding hard-to-reach people and getting them to talk on sensitive subjects. I have also done speaking engagements on journalism, crime reporting, and other subjects at numerous institutions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2010 to Present

WRITER, REPORTER, EDITOR, Newark, NJ

Various media outlets and organizations in NYC metro area

- Writer and reporter for The Wall Street Journal, Al Jazeera America, SourceMedia, The Daily Beast, Newark Bound, The Awl, etc. Written on various topics such as real estate, business, finance, tech, science, crime, cultural affairs, etc.
- Researcher and writer for ACLU-NJ. Worked on the group's coalition campaign, The New Jersey United for Marijuana Reform Coalition. Job entailed finding and interviewing people impacted by marijuana drug laws and writing about them for an in-house report.
- Field reporter and editor for Patch, a network of hyperlocal news websites focusing on local towns. Wrote daily stories, covered meetings, edited reports by freelancers, and continuously updated the website.

Jan. 2009 to May 2010

THE STAR-LEDGER NEWSPAPER, Newark, NJ

Crime reporter for Newark

- Developed contacts from top police officials to community activists, drug dealers, and gang members in Newark, the largest and most violent city in New Jersey.
- Landed many front page and state-wide stories that were picked up by news wire services.
- Experience writing for and editing the newspaper's daily blog..

March 2007 to Jan. 2009

THE STAR-LEDGER NEWSPAPER, Newark, NJ

Reporter, Middlesex County Bureau

- Covered Woodbridge, one of the largest towns in the state with over 100,000 residents, and also several other municipalities in Middlesex County.
- Excelled at crime reporting in Middlesex County, and in Newark during the weekends.

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May 2005 to March 2007

THE STAR-LEDGER NEWSPAPER, Newark, NJ
News clerk/reporter, Middlesex County Bureau

- Acted as a receptionist for the office, but went above and beyond job description and became a dependable cub reporter.
- Filled in for the regular cop reporter while he was absent and wrote several stories that went on the front and state-wide pages.

Oct 2001 to May 2005

Architectural drafter and intern

- Worked as an intern in several high-end architecture design firms in New Jersey and NYC.

EDUCATION

2001

Bachelor of Science in Architecture
University of Virginia

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Rutgers University, New Jersey Institute of Technology,
Montclair State University, University of Massachusetts-Amherst,
HSBC and the Newark Public Library.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Word, Excel, Adobe PhotoShop, HTML, WordPress,
deadline reporting, feature writing, editing, interviewing, research,
public speaking, social media, SEO, blogging, photography,
video, animation, web design, drawing, painting, and power
tooling.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, conversant in Tagalog, elementary Arabic.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.