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& music critic

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education

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS — *Champaign, Ill.*
Graduated May 2012, BACHELOR OF ARTS
Major: News-Editorial Journalism Minor: Political Science

employment

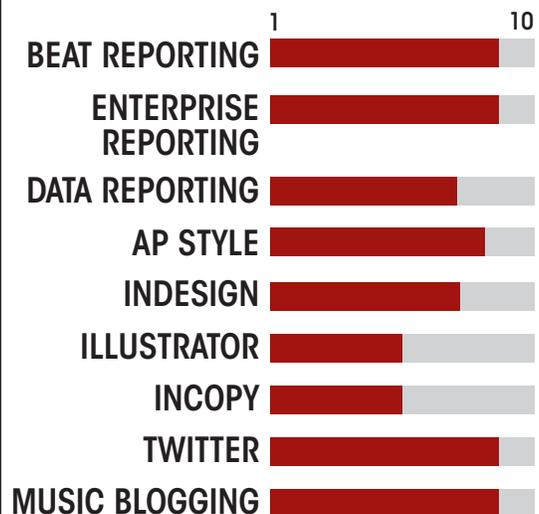
GOVERNMENT REPORTER — *The Register-Mail*
May 2012 to present, GALESBURG, IL
Cover city hall, county government and local and state politics with an emphasis on enterprise reporting. Average 12 stories a week, with a mix of public meetings, features and long-term pieces. Covered a nationally watched Congressional campaign and managed sit-down interviews with both candidates, one of the only reporters in the 14-county district to do so. Write weekly music blog documenting Illinois music scene, with an emphasis on new and coming trends.

MANAGING EDITOR — *The Daily Illini*
March 2011 to March 2012, CHAMPAIGN, IL
Ran a newsroom of more than 75 editors and writers, and supervised day-to-day and long-term story projects. Edited two special inserts that placed nationally. Previously worked as enterprise reporter for the college daily.

INTERN — *The Chicago Tribune*
January 2010 to August 2011, CHICAGO
Assisted music critic Greg Kot with news and quote gathering at festivals and concerts and for issue/trend pieces. Transcribed and researched for his latest book project, and helped develop ideas for upcoming projects.

PROGRAMMING INTERN — *WXRT-FM, CBS Radio*
May to August 2010, CHICAGO
Kept a weekly blog about Chicago music and street festivals, as well as assisted in editing and posting reports to 93xrt.com. Organized files and assisted in record-keeping.

skills



awards

Watchdog & Government Reporting
ILLINOIS PRESS ASSOCIATION
2013: First place in the Illinois Public Policy Institution Award for best promotion of a public's right to know (Division E) and second place in government beat reporting.

Investigative Reporting
ILLINOIS AP AWARDS
2012: Runner-up for best investigative story for watchdog coverage of a settlement between an elected official and his fired employees.

Best Insert & Insert Design
ILLINOIS COLLEGE PRESS ASSOC.
2012: Special insert commemorating the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 won best insert and best designed insert for the Illini Media Company.