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SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced in all aspects of news & sports coverage, both as an on-camera correspondent and field producer
- Clear, concise, and creative storyteller
- Makes strong, split-second decisions
- Skilled social media communicator and technology enthusiast

EXPERIENCE

NBC News Channel

New York, New York

Freelance Correspondent, May 2012-Present

- Serve as National Correspondent on breaking news stories across the U.S.
- Provide live reports and news packages for NBC affiliates, MSNBC, CNBC, NBC's Early Today and NBC clients in England, Singapore, Canada and Australia
- Covered major stories including: Aaron Hernandez murder arrest; the Boston Marathon bombing; Carnival Triumph cruise ship disaster; Newtown, CT. school massacre; the Jerry Sandusky trial; NCAA sanctions against Penn State

WVTM-TV, Alabama's 13 News

Birmingham, Alabama

Freelance Sports Anchor, Reporter, August-September 2012

Senior News Reporter, November 2000-December 2011

Sports Anchor, Reporter, November 2006-December 2011

- Produced, reported, shot, wrote, and edited news & sports stories for NBC affiliate and website in #40 TV market
- Provided occasional live reports to MSNBC, various NBC affiliates, NBC News Channel, and other international outlets
- Spearheaded development of experimental "Internet Reporter" position combining online and broadcast news coverage, which successfully increased visits to internet site, nbc13.com (now rebranded "Alabamas13.com")
- Covered major stories including: Hurricane Katrina; April 27th, 2011, tornadoes; Natalee Holloway disappearance; 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing trials; 2006 Church Fires; 2008, 2009, & 2010 SEC Football Championships; 2010, 2011, & 2013 BCS National Championships
- Helped launch nightly half-hour sports show "Alabama Tonight" in 2012

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Birmingham, Alabama

Adjunct Instructor, January 2009-May 2009

- Instructor for MC 372: News Writing for Broadcast, a required course for Broadcast majors
- Taught 38 college juniors and seniors how to write, report, and produce news and sports for TV and radio

WJTV-TV, Newschannel 12

Jackson, Mississippi

Lead 10PM Reporter, January 1999-November 2000

Morning Producer, News Reporter, Substitute Anchor, October 1996-January 1999

- Produced, wrote, and reported news stories for CBS Affiliate in #90 television market
- Produced and anchored a two-and-a-half hour morning show

WCCM Radio 800, Curt Gowdy Broadcasting

Lawrence, Massachusetts

News Anchor, Reporter, Summers 1993-1996

- Produced, wrote, and reported news stories for AM radio station in #10 radio market
- Anchored morning newscasts

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- 2007 Team Coverage EMMY Award, Southeast Region
- RTNDF Sandra Freeman & Alfred Geller Fellowship for Excellence in On-Air Television News Talent

EDUCATION

Syracuse University, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

Syracuse, New York

Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science, May 1996

GPA: 3.68