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OBJECTIVE: A future Historian and Photojournalist working in order to bolster the evolution of media through social mediums; to pursue careers in fields of documentary photography, multimedia, and research.

SUMMARY:

- Proficient in working with new media strategies and integrating social networking with visual and multimedia stories.
- Interested in media related fields of journalism, new media, blogging, and multimedia story-telling.
- Achieved designation as a student recognized as *Cum Laude* by the Dean of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas, Austin.
- More than six years of photography experience for a major daily, weekly, and bi-monthly newspapers and news magazines.
- Nine total years of background in photography, with plans to pursue for life.
- Photography internship with the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram and offered a position as a free-lance photographer; Photo archival internship with prestigious Magnum Photos in NY, New York.
- Skillful with Adobe Photoshop, Aperture, Photomechanic, Adobe InCopy, Aperture, Soundslides, Audacity, Garageband, Microsoft Office Suite, Mac OS X, Windows 2000, XP, Vista, 7 and the Internet.
- Knowledgeable in HTML, PHP, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Flash, and website design and creation.
- Experienced in blogging technologies such as Wordpress and capable of the creation and maintenance of weblogs.
- Well-adapted to new social networking/media sites including Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Blogger, LinkedIn, and MySpace.

EDUCATION: **Prospective Dual History and Photojournalism Major from the University of Texas at Austin** with possible continuation into Graduate School, *Cum Laude*
Prospective Communications Minor from the University of Texas Austin

University of Texas, Austin, TX
University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
Grapevine High School, Grapevine, TX

EXPERIENCE: Image Archive Intern, October 2009 – Present

Magnum Photos – New York, NY

- Interned in the archives department for the fall semester of 2010.
- Assist in maintaining Magnum's digital and analog image archive.
- Photo research and filing.
- Collaborated with special project coordinators, printers, and Magnum in Motion, Magnum's multimedia department.

Staff Photographer, February 2009 - Present

The Daily Texan – University of Texas, Austin, TX

- Photographer for a daily student newspaper with a distribution circulation of over 30,000.
- Responsible for gathering names and captioning.
- Experienced in Adobe Photoshop and Photomechanic as a means for uploading and editing photos.
- Worked in a fast-paced environment where deadlines are crucial in order to successfully publish a daily newspaper.
- Access to advanced photographic equipment and expanded knowledge for use of several brands of film SLRs and DSLRs including (but not limited to) Canon, Nikon, Minolta, Olympus, Pentax.

Teaching Assistant, June 2008 to October 2009

Foundation Communities - Southwest Trails Learning Center, Austin, TX

- Learning assistant for an after school program that supplies after-school care for children in grades Kindergarten to 5th grade.
- Spent time with children in after school activities such as exercise, art, computer education, and cooking.
- Offered extra time for homework help.

Wedding Photographer Assistant, May 2008 to August 2008

John Hudson Photography, Flower Mound, TX

- Captured emotion from a photojournalistic viewpoint, as well as detail photographs and portraits.
- Aided John Hudson with lighting, settings/backgrounds, equipment management.
- Traveled to wedding locations for onsite photography.

Photographer, August 2007 to May 2008

TSS Photography, Austin, TX

Photographer Assistant, July 2007 to August 2007

TSS Photography, Austin, TX

- In charge of photographing small children and youth sports.
- Worked with clients to sell photo packages.
- Part of a team of photographers where time is crucial, but so is the quality of the photo.

Freelance Photographer, January 2006 to January 2007

Ft. Worth Star Telegram, Ft. Worth, Texas

Photographer Internship, August 2005 to January 2006

Ft. Worth Star Telegram, Ft. Worth, Texas

- Photographed events, people, and new businesses in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.
- Edited and touched up photos for publication including photographs by myself and other photographers.
- Head Photographer for “See It In The Star” photographs for Sunday papers.
- Met every daily deadline successfully, with 100% completion of all assigned shoots by specified deadline.

Photo Editor, August 2006 to January 2007

The Manestream, Grapevine High School, Grapevine, Texas

Staff Photographer, August 2005 to January 2007

The Manestream, Grapevine High School, Grapevine, Texas

- Responsible for assigning photo orders to individual photographers.
- In charge of making sure assignments were being completed and matching each photo with its story.
- Designed and maintained the front page of the newspaper.
- Sorted and chose photos to be placed in photo essays.

ACTIVITIES /

AWARDS:

- Awarded a position as a staff photographer on the Daily Texan
- National Honors History Society, University of Texas Phi Alpha Theta member
- Recognized as a student of *Cum Laude* designation
- Active member of the UT Disc Golf Club
- Reflections Contest Winner, Photography (2nd place), 2007
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- Dallas Morning News Photography Award, Sports Photography 2007
- National Quill and Pen Honor Society, 2007

PORTFOLIO: A biography, online portfolio, and photoblog can be viewed at:

<http://www.maxxscholten.com>