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References and samples of published work are available upon request.

## Education

- **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL, BA (with honors) in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, June 2005. Specialized in postwar Japanese history and modern literature; produced a BA thesis on the topic of novelist Haruki Murakami that was awarded honors by the department.

## Experience

- **Editor, Associate Managing Editor, IT Group**, FierceMarkets, Washington D.C., August 2006 to present. Served as editor of a daily newsletter on consumer and enterprise computer technology, attended and reported on industry conferences and events, developed and hosted webinars, edited/managed publication of two daily newsletters and two weekly newsletters using content management system, managed freelance writing staff for IT group, updated and maintained four news websites (editorial and multimedia content).
- **Staff Writer**, PopMatters, Evanston, IL, January 2008 to present. Contributed music reviews on a weekly basis to a web magazine with over 1 million unique monthly visitors. Additionally, provided live coverage of SXSW 2008 (photos and text).
- **Staff Music Writer/Photographer**, DCist, Washington D.C., September 2006 to present. Regularly contributed live concert reviews, news items relating to music and concert photographs for the music section of local blog DCist. Posted stories and photographs to DCist website using Movable Type, HTML and Adobe Creative Suite.
- **Contributing Blogger**, Public Knowledge, Washington D.C., February 2008 to present. Contributed blog entries on technology policy issues for non-profit organization Public Knowledge's blog. Additionally, redesigned the organization's email newsletter and assisted in blog outreach efforts.
- **Contributing Blogger**, Future of Music Coalition, Washington D.C., October 2007 to January 2008. Contributed blog entries on the intersection between music and technology for non-profit organization the Future of Music Coalition's blog.
- **Assistant Language Teacher**, JET Program, Momoishi Town, Aomori-Ken, Japan, July 2005 to July 2006. Designed and taught an English language curriculum to students at two elementary schools and one kindergarten using a mixture of English and Japanese. Additionally, team-taught English lessons with teachers at a middle school and assisted with basic translation work for local board of education.
- **Editorial Intern**, Newcity Magazine, Chicago, IL, June to September 2004. Assisted in editorial duties and research, in addition to writing numerous articles on a variety of topics that were published in a widely distributed alternative newsweekly.
- **Arts Writer and Photographer**, The Chicago Maroon, the student newspaper of the University of Chicago, January 2003 to June 2005.

## Skills

- I am experienced in photography and digital imaging. My photographs have appeared in PopMatters, DCist, The Chicago Maroon, DailyTechRag, FierceWireless, on the website of Gibson Guitars and as part of the 2005 SMAC student art show at Chicago's Smart Museum of Art. I have also shot on assignment for Astralwerks Records.
- I am experienced with web design (HTML 4 and CSS1), Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office and OS X/Windows/Linux. I also possess intermediate-level skill in both written and spoken Japanese.