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Summary

Communications and environmental professional with deep experience creating compelling content. Skilled at gathering large amounts of information, analyzing it and composing reports, proposals and letters. Can write for the web or print. Can translate science and other technical material into everyday language.

- Writing
 - Photo and Video
 - Research/Interviewing
 - Editing
 - Versed in Natural Sciences
 - Social Media
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Relevant Skills

Content Creation

- Wrote easy to-understand stories shared with thousands of readers.
- Produced, narrated and edited videos and made photos.
- Created and maintained blogs and a social media presence that helped drive website traffic.
- Prepared stories for print and web.

Communication skills

- Experienced interviewer.
- Tactful and discrete concerning sensitive information.
- Communicated with individuals of diverse backgrounds in search of information.
- Empathic listener and confident speaker.
- Adept at spreading an organization's message in person and online.

Organization and administration

- Functioned successfully as part of a team and individually.
- Worked with and led others to complete time-sensitive projects.
- Responded effectively to changing priorities while completing multiple tasks on deadline.
- Developed relationships with information suppliers and customers.

Employment history

Freelance writer/editor; 2015-present

Staff writer; The Journal News/Lohud.com • White Plains, NY • 1998-2014

Scientist; New York City Department of Environmental Protection • Valhalla, NY • 1992-1998

Volunteer Experience

Ambassador; Walkway Over the Hudson State Park • January 2015 -

- Greet state park visitors, answer questions, sell fundraising items and maintain inventory.

Public relations committee; Hopewell Depot Restoration Corp. • January 2015 -

- Produce videos about the Depot. Development writing, press releases, manage Twitter account.
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Education

Master of Science in Journalism, Iona College – New Rochelle, NY

Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management, University of Maine – Orono, ME