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EXPERIENCE

Owner/Creative Director, Mighty Penguin Design, Hattiesburg, MS

June 1997 - Present

Design advertising and public relations materials for regional clients, including: Hattiesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg Zoo, Southern Bone and Joint, Moreno Eye Care, Southern Eye Center, Clearview Recovery Center, Media Rich, Cooper's Point Developments, PRISM HR Leadership, Bright Child Doll & Toy, Baranco Acura, Mercedes-Benz of Buckhead, Mississippi Wine Festival, Southern Pines Animal Shelter

Advertising Director, MegaGate Broadband, Hattiesburg, MS

Feb. 2003 - Feb. 2005

Transitioned MegaGate Broadband from a Cellular One subsidiary to stand-alone corporate entity Created brand identity and design for all advertising, literature and collateral materials

Advertising Director, Cellular One of South Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Feb. 1997 - Feb. 2003

Responsible for all Cellular One's advertising and public relations activities in 12-county coverage area Oversaw \$1 million advertising budget and a staff of two that produced all print and broadcast materials Duties included concept, design, copywriting, editing, media buying, production and special event management

Commentator, WDAM-TV, Hattiesburg/Laurel, MS

Feb. 1998 - June 2004

Commentator and co-host of two monthly morning show segments

Freelance Writer/Columnist, Pine Belt Business Journal

July 1998 - Jan. 2000

Wrote monthly features and a column on local business trends and events

Weekend Personality, WNSL-FM 100.3, Hattiesburg/Laurel, MS

Feb. 1997 - Mar. 1998

Hosted six-hour radio show airing Saturdays and Sundays, ranked #1 weekend show by Arbitron

Business Writer, The Hattiesburg (MS) American

Apr. 1995 - Dec. 1996

Wrote and photographed daily news and feature stories, two weekly columns and assorted special events coverage

General Assignment Writer, The Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal

May 1994 - Apr. 1995

Covered stories for all news departments and developed in-depth packages for weekend front page

AWARDS

43 ADDY® Awards, 5 Judge's Awards, 3 Best of Show • Ad Federation of South Mississippi (1999 - 2004)

Three regional Citations of Excellence ● 7th "Deep South" District ADDY® Awards ● (1999 - 2004)

Judges' Award & Gold Lantern • Southern Public Relations Federation Lantern Awards • 2005

First Place • Cellular One National Advertising Awards • (Print 1999, Broadcast 2000, Print 2001)

Finalist • Cellular One National Public Relations Awards • (1999, 2000, 2001)

Named one of the "Top 40 Business People Under 40" by the Mississippi Business Journal ● 2001

Second Place - Print • Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association Advertising Awards • 2000

Two Maggie Awards • Mississippi Hospital Association • 2000

Award of Merit • Printing Industry Association of the South Awards • 1999

Who's Who in America • (1999 - 2003)

ASSOCIATIONS

Advertising Federation of South Mississippi • President 1999-2000, 2001-2004

Public Relations Association of Mississippi • Pine Belt Chapter, Vice President 1999, 2006

Sales and Marketing Executives International - Hattiesburg • Board of Directors 1999-2001

Hattiesburg Zoological Society • Board of Directors 1999-2006, President 2005

Leaders for a New Century • member 1999, Alumni Board of Directors 2000-2001

EDUCATION

Master of Arts; University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Field: English; Concentration: Creative Writing

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude; Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Major: English/Creative Writing; Minors: Communications and Fine Arts

COMPUTER SKILLS

PC and Mac platforms
QuarkXpress, Macromedia Freehand

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Pagemaker, After Effects Final Cut Pro, Sega Mutant League Hockey