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**Freelance writer**  
Web and print media

## **PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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**Sept. 2006-present** Freelance writer

Feature writing for *Angeleno*, *Riviera*, *Interiors*, *Ranch & Coast*, *Guestbook*, *Where*, *San Diego Citybeat*, @UCSD

Daily event writer for go2.com, a city-based entertainment guide for a mobile platform

Contributing writer for 2009 and 2011 editions of *Fodor's San Diego*, including front-of-the-book sections, and 2010 edition of *Fodor's California*; fact-checked 2010 edition of *Fodor's San Diego*

**May 2001-Aug 2006** Senior Content Producer at SignOnSanDiego.com, website for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*

- Edited nightlife section; showcased content by staff writers, photographers, and freelancers
- Designed and edited "Under the Radar," a niche guide to the city's underground arts and music scene
- Created "The Velvet Rope," the newspaper's nightlife blog
- Wrote "Localese" a monthly *Union-Tribune* column about San Diego bands
- Wrote music, arts, and nightlife stories for website and print
- Hired and edited freelance writers; oversaw college interns
- Collaborated on multimedia features
- Designed graphics for multi-page packages and hired/art-directed freelance designers
- Collaborated with other editors on budgets, layout, newsletters, copyediting

- Made regular guest appearances on NPR-affiliate KPBS radio

**Dec 1999-May 2001** Content Producer, SignOnSanDiego.com

Processed and proofed digital conversion of newspaper to online format; supported breaking news coverage; compiled online news photo galleries using staff and wire photos; designed graphics for online news packages

**1995-1998 Various administrative positions, University of California, San Diego**

Assisted medical professors with grant and manuscript copyediting, library research and database management; interviewed prospective participants for medical study

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, HTML, CSS, MS Office, Mac and PC

**EDUCATION**

- BA English Lit, University of California, San Diego
- Cum Laude, Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa
- Education Abroad Program at the University of Bologna, Italy
- UCSD extension classes in art, graphic design and web design

**AWARDS**

- 2009 San Diego Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), First Place, Magazine Arts Writing, "The Culture Club"
- 2009 San Diego SPJ, Second Place, Magazine Arts Writing, "The Exhibitionists"
- 2005 San Diego SPJ, First Place, Review/Criticism, "Tower 23"
- 2005 San Diego SPJ, Best of Show, Web, "Street Scene"
- 2005 San Diego SPJ, First Place, Multimedia Package "Street Scene"
- 2004 San Diego SPJ, First Place, Online Design, "Street Scene"
- 2004 San Diego Press Club, Best of Show, Web, "Street Scene"