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**PRINT EXPERIENCE:**

**Freelance Writer/Audio Producer**

*August 2007-present*

- Current projects include writing several pieces for National Geographic Magazine, contributing weekly column to SeriousEats.com, maintaining PhillyDame.com, and developing content for the University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences.
- Published articles in Esquire Magazine, NPR.org, The Pennsylvania Gazette, Jewish Book World, collegehumor.com, SeriousEats.com, Center for Sports and Jewish Life, Daily Pennsylvanian.

**RADIO EXPERIENCE:**

**National Public Radio**, Chicago IL  
*Director/Associate Producer*

*June 2007-Nov. 2008*

- Peabody-award-winning member of production team producing NPR's weekly humorous news quiz show, *Wait Wait Don't Tell Me*.
- Directed the show each week in front of a live studio audience
- Wrote and edited script with team of producers; booked and prepped guests
- Post-produced and edited live show for clarity, content, and length using Adobe Audition and Pro Tools
- Created and maintained Wait Wait's presence on several social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter.)

*Kroc Fellow*

*August 2006-June 2008*

- One of three journalists chosen nationally to learn production, editorial, web production skills at National Public Radio in Washington DC.
- Wrote and produced pieces for national broadcast on a variety of topics
- Wrote and edited articles for npr.org; produced content using content management system.
- Booked guests, produced material, wrote script for daily current affairs call-in show at member station WNPR in Hartford, CT.

**WEB EXPERIENCE:**

- Proficient with Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Audition and Pro Tools (sound editing), CSS, HTML and Javascript, CMS, Wordpress plug-in installation.
- Ran several prominent social media campaigns include Wait Wait Don't Tell Me's presence on Facebook, attracting 50,000 fans and media attention from the New York Times and Business Week; bone marrow donation campaign at the University of Pennsylvania; Facebook campaign for Matthew Shepard Foundation raising over \$30,000 in 5 days.

**EDUCATION:**

**University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA**

*Bachelor of Arts in English, Magna Cum Laude, May 2006*

**GPA:** 3.76/4.00 **Major GPA:** 3.84/4.00

**Honors and Activities:** Nora Magid Writing Prize for Creative Non-Fiction; Daily Pennsylvanian Columnist of the Year, 2004-2005; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – General Column; Columbia Scholastic Press Awards Gold Circle Awards; Finalist – College Columnist of the Year; National Society of Newspaper Columnists; Fiction Prize, 2005; Columnist, Daily Pennsylvanian; Editor, Punch Bowl Humor Magazine; Peer Writing Tutor, Kelly Writer's House; Student Assistant, Annenberg Rare Books Library; Penn Band (trumpet, trombone, percussion.)