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WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Development Director – Morehouse School of Medicine *Atlanta, Georgia*

March 2018 - present

I'm a project manager, writer, editor, and communications director for the Office of Institutional Advancement at this mission-driven institution. I have helped secure more than \$4.2 million in gifts so far, and I am the lead for our entry into a \$100-million international grant competition. We have made it through four cuts, to the top 100, to date.

Writer and Editor – Freelance

Atlanta, Georgia

Jan. 2007 - present

Reporter, editor, and blogger for such clients as Atlanta Magazine, Garden & Gun, and the Chicago Tribune. Co-author of *Fodor's The Carolinas and Georgia, 18th edition*. Contributor to *Southern Women: More than 100 Stories of Innovators, Artists, and Icons*. I focus on social justice, health, music, travel, education, and business. I also write content for nonprofits and corporate clients.

Reporter and Editor – Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Atlanta, Georgia

Sept. 2000 - Aug. 2006

I wrote daily news stories and in-depth features. Covered small business, banking, workplace issues, and retail. Served as a Business editor in 2004 and 2006, managing six-person teams of reporters, conceiving coverage strategies, and participating in high-level planning.

Reporter and Columnist – Democrat and Chronicle

Rochester, New York

Feb. 1998 - Aug. 2000

Writer, columnist, and investigative reporter, covering entrepreneurship, public companies, and the airline industry.



EDUCATION

JOURNALISM

KNIGHT-WALLACE FELLOWSHIP 2007

Audited college classes — on everything from theism to terror networks — while spending time with journalists from all over the world as a spouse in this program.

University of Michigan
Knight-Wallace Fellowship
(Ann Arbor, Mich.)

PRINT JOURNALISM

MASTER OF SCIENCE 1996

This is where I learned to tell stories, beat deadlines, drink coffee, copyedit, encourage reluctant sources to talk, investigate, and turn wonky data into compelling journalism.

Northwestern University
Medill School of Journalism
(Evanston, Illinois and
Washington, D.C.)

ENGLISH

BACHELOR OF ARTS 1995

Read books, wrote papers, graduated cum laude. Loved creative writing but knew I needed a steady job, so I tried communications — and I fell in love.

University of Rochester
(Rochester, NY)



FUN FACTS

- I've been a **certified fitness instructor** since 2007, teaching spin, strength, and Megaformer Pilates.
- I'm a **classically trained musician**, and sing in an a cappella band called Best to Burn.
- I'm an **endurance athlete**, and completed a 12-hour overnight endurance event — twice.
- I'm the **proud mom** of two boys, ages eight and 10, who are kind-hearted, funny, smart, and hate wearing pants.
- I was a **finalist** for the Livingston Award and had my work mentioned in The Best American Sports Writing Anthology for 2015.
- I speak some Spanish and some French, and I've traveled to England, Spain, France, Ireland, Iceland, Peru, Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico, Canada, Estonia, Holland, Lithuania, Turkey, and Syria.
- I was a **volunteer** in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at (formerly) Dekalb Medical in Atlanta.
- I was a **journalism professor** at Georgia College and State University in the fall of 2009.
- I was the **lead singer** for the world's first all-female tribute to Van Halen.



SOME CLIENTS, PAST AND PRESENT

Journalism:

- Agence France-Presse
- Atlanta Magazine
- Charlotte Magazine
- Chicago Tribune
- Delta Sky Magazine
- Garden & Gun
- PAGE One Magazine
- The Progressive
- Publishers Weekly
- US Weekly
- The Week

Corporate and nonprofit:

- Balfour Beatty
- Newell Rubbermaid
- The Southern Poverty Law Center
- Lenbrook
- Emory University
- Santa Fe University of Art and Design
- Spelman College
- All About Developmental Disabilities



A GLIMPSE AT MY WORK

A speeding foul ball crashed into the skull of a six-year-old girl just rows ahead of me, my husband, and our baby boy at an Atlanta Braves game, and for years after I wondered what had happened to her. In 2014 I found out, and told her gripping story in "Foul Territory." (Atlanta Magazine, August 2014) The piece won the Award for Excellence in Print from the Atlanta Press Club and was mentioned in the 2015 Best American Sports Writing anthology. The story also raised awareness about the dangers of watching the sport, and encouraged Major League Baseball to extend protective netting in all of its parks.



A TESTIMONIAL

"Christine was a real pleasure to work with. She was an absolute professional. She delivered to us a well-written story on deadline and was very receptive to our editing suggestions. I would recommend her without hesitation."
~ Amit Pal, managing editor, The Progressive



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

BUSINESS **WOMEN'S RIGHTS**
FITNESS **HEALTH**
SOCIAL JUSTICE **MUSIC**
EDITING **STORYTELLING**
EDUCATION **POP CULTURE**
CRIMINAL JUSTICE **FOOD TRAVEL**
SPORTS **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



REFERENCES

- Jan Winburn, former editor, CNN:
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