

Alison Bergblom Johnson

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SKILLS: Grant writing • Editorial • Blogging • Feature Writing • Intermediate Photography • Podcasting and Audio Production • Research: archival, library, interviewing, and reporting • Copy and developmental editing • Mail Chimp • HTML and CSS as relevant to writing for the web • Markdown

SELECTED JOURNALISTIC PUBLICATIONS:

City College News: Various cover, feature, and news stories on student government, social issues, and institutional regulations
MPR News. Health: "Living with bipolar disorder, she wonders about picking sides." <http://tinyurl.com/ya6zovh5>
Minnesota Women's Press: Front of Book section, Various feature stories including health, art and business stories

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Co-Editor and Literary Project Manager May 2016 - Present

Out of the Shadows: Men and Women of Color at a Northern Community College

African American Empowerment Program, Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) Minneapolis, MN

- Sought and received \$25,000 in grant funding to complete the project from Minnesota State system office
- Presented workshops on writing memoir and work one-on-one from developmental through copy edits with approximately 20 diverse participants on their individual memoir drafts
- Created partnership with the Center for Teaching and Learning to reach out to faculty to recruit them to adopt the book

Artist / Teaching Artist

March 2010 - Present

Self-Employed

Minneapolis, MN

- Successfully completed training to receive certification from Artsage as a Teaching Artist with expertise in working with elders
- Taught a multi-week course sponsored by VSA Minnesota on how to write about mental illness to a self-selected cohort of adults with mental illness
- Completed artistic resumes at the Vermont Studio Center and at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center (Jerome Fdn Support)

Editor-in-Chief

December 2014 - December 2015

City College News, MCTC

Minneapolis, MN

- Set the editorial direction of the paper, planned and ran weekly meetings, supervised staff, and managed budgets
- Edited stories written by section heads and copyedited the newspaper as a whole using AP Style
- Wrote stories as needed on such topics as domestic violence, college compliance with federal regulations, and sexism towards WNBA players
- Took photographs as needed and participated in and signed off on layout using InDesign
- Won first place for general excellence in the two-year college category at the Associated Collegiate Press' Best of the Midwest 2015 Conference

Editorial Intern

July 2015 - October 2015

Mighty Media

Minneapolis, MN

- Conducted photo research, proofread using Chicago style and fact checked children's books

Editorial Intern

January 2006- March 2006

Minnesota Women's Press

St. Paul, MN

- Wrote stories on art about breast cancer, newer options in birth control, and was responsible for the front-of-book section
- Attended edit team meetings, and contributed ideas for how to make our stories appealing visually
- First feature story on a food co-op by women of color promoting economic justice landed on the cover of the paper
- Praised as "intrepid"

TRAINING:

Writing the Topical Essay with Sarah Tieck, Loft Literary Center, 2005. Minneapolis.

Magazine Writing with Jacque B. Fletcher, Loft Literary Center, 2006. Minneapolis.

EDUCATION:

Women's Studies Certificate: GPA: 3.9/4.0

May 2017

Minneapolis Community and Technical College

Minneapolis, MN

Diploma with Honors, Art Area: Literary Arts

June 1999

Perpich Center for Arts Education: The Arts High School

Golden Valley, MN