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Skills

As my resume reel demonstrates, I excel as a live storyteller but do equally solid work writing and producing packages. I have extensive experience breaking down complicated information through demonstrative storytelling. I speak Persian-Farsi and Assyrian as well as a fair amount of Spanish – enough that I have been able to bring our viewers stories and viewpoints that other reporters have not.

Professional Experience

*Reporter, KCRA-3 (NBC), Sacramento, CA
August 2006 to Present*

I have covered some of the biggest stories in California, including the devastating wildfires of 2007 in Southern California, the disappearance of an eight-year-old girl who was killed by a Sunday school teacher, Proposition 8 (the initiative that banned gay marriage,) and the debate over illegal immigration, re-ignited here by the recent legislation in Arizona. I routinely turn packages, but also do as many as 20 live shots a day at times, for KCRA and our two San Francisco partners, KNTV and KTVU.

*Political Reporter, KSEE-24 (NBC), Fresno, CA
January 2004 to August 2006*

Extensively covered the recall election that brought Arnold Schwarzenegger into the Governor's office; Handled election coverage and multiple live stories daily; broke exclusives and the day's top stories with a focus on the area's state Assembly members and state Senators as well as the Fresno City Council and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

*Reporter/Internet Editor, KSEE-24 (NBC), Fresno, CA
September 2001 to January 2004*

Reported general assignment stories live daily; wrote and edited KSEE's top daily stories in a readable format, converting broadcast copy to print-style copy for ksee24.com

*Reporter, The Modesto Bee, Modesto, CA
February 2000 to August 2001*

Reported and wrote front-page and top local news stories. Covered the aftermath of the disappearance of Chandra Levy; covered spot news, the environment and extensively covered city government with a focus on five small cities in eastern Stanislaus County; wrote features and long-form pieces.

*Reporter, The Lodi News-Sentinel, Lodi, CA
July 1999 to February 2000*

Reported and wrote front-page and top local news stories daily. Covered San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors weekly in Stockton; covered San Joaquin County courts daily; also wrote features and spot news pieces.

*Newsroom Assistant, The Modesto Bee, Modesto, CA
June 1998 to July 1999*

Researched and wrote obituaries. Formatted the newspaper's stocks and weather pages.

*Intern, KXTV-10, Sacramento, CA
June 1997 to September 1997*

Assisted reporters by logging tape and gathering sound for stories; shadowed reporters in the field; made daily cops checks, organized incoming faxes and answered phones.

Education

*California State University, Stanislaus
Bachelor of Science: Political Science*

Honors and Awards

First place, environmental reporting, California Newspaper Publishers Association, 2001
Dean's List, California State University, Stanislaus

Additional Training

Investigative Reporters and Editors: Better Watchdog Workshop, San Francisco, 2009
Investigative Reporters and Editors: Better Watchdog Workshop, Los Angeles, 2006
Investigative Reporters and Editors: Better Watchdog Workshop, Sacramento, 2004
Orange County Register: National Writers' Workshop, Irvine, 2000 and 2001
California Newspaper Publishers' Association: "Berk Work" for Writers, 1999