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**EDUCATION**

**Honors College at SUNY New Paltz**, New Paltz, NY

B.A., Journalism, Minor in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Class of 2018

Honors Thesis (in progress): "After the Tipping Point: Investigating Visuals of Trans and Gender-Nonbinary People In Magazine Media"

**AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

2017

American Society of Magazine Editors Intern, **NewNowNext.com** (Logo)

SUNY New Paltz Celebration of Writing Award of Distinction, Memoir & Non-fiction

SUNY New Paltz Dean's List (since 2014)

**EDITORIAL & MARKETING EXPERIENCE**

**NewNowNext.com (Logo)**, New York, NY

August 2017 - Present

Editorial Assistant

Pitching, reporting, and writing LGBT news, lifestyle, and culture articles, averaging 8-10 articles per week, and assisting editors with research and outreach for editorial campaigns and multimedia projects.

American Society of Magazine Editors Intern

Summer 2017

Reported and wrote 40+ LGBT news, lifestyle, and culture articles; maintained monthly arts and entertainment release calendar; transcribed interviews; and fact-checked copy.

**Self-Employed**, Rosendale, NY

September 2016 - Present

Freelance Writer, Journalist, & Copy Editor

Magazine bylines: **NewNowNext.com** (Logo), Yahoo Lifestyle, Chronogram, Hudson Valley

Magazine, VISITvortex Hudson Valley, WeddingVortex

Copy editing and fact-checking: **NewNowNext.com** (Logo), Hudson Valley Magazine

**Sojourner Truth Library**, New Paltz, NY

Fall 2017

Social Media Marketing Intern

Wrote copy and created visuals for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, averaging 70-80 posts per week, and helped interview, select, and train incoming interns.

Student Supervisor, Circulation Department

Fall 2017

Supervised and helped train 3-5 student assistants per shift; checked materials in and out of the library, including valuable electronics, media, and texts; and routinely closed the building, including locking all entryways, shutting down tech resources, etc.

- Promoted from previous position as a Research Help Desk Student Assistant

**The New Paltz Oracle**, New Paltz, NY

February 2015 - May 2017

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Reported and wrote 75+ features, averaging 2-3 articles per week; supervised 1-3 student copy editors per semester; edited copy and sourced supplementary content for the print and online editions; and designed weekly layouts for a 5-page newspaper spread.

- Promoted from previous position as a Copy Editor

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**SUNY New Paltz**, New Paltz, NY

Summer 2016

Research Assistant, Dr. Rachel Somerstein

Sourced copy and photographs from international publications and edited a formal bibliography for Dr. Somerstein's academic research (under review at the time.)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2017

Ethical Writers & Creatives