

BETH RANKIN

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EDUCATION

B.S. Visual Journalism 2003-2008
Kent State University, Kent, OH
Good standing from Honors College, 3.24 GPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web reporter The Beaumont Enterprise, Beaumont, TX 8.09-Pres.
Reported and photographed breaking news, technology and social media stories, produced web content with Clickability and Brightcove, created and managed the paper's first social media, trained staff to use social media for source-gathering and self-promotion

Photo intern The Lima News, Lima, OH 8.08-1.09
Shot daily still assignments, produced video packages, updated limaohio.com galleries nightly

Manager School of Journalism & Mass Comm., Kent, OH 2007-2008
Managed and maintained audio/still/video/lighting equipment, assisted students, faculty in digital dark room and photo studio, managed a staff of seven students

Reporter Akron Beacon Journal, Akron, OH 2005-2007
General assignment night metro reporter

Photographer Self-employed, Cleveland, OH 2005-Pres.
SPACES Gallery (Cleveland, OH), Medina Gazette (Medina, OH), DRAFT Magazine (Phoenix, AZ), Beaumont Main Street (Beaumont, TX)

QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS**Software/Content Management Systems**

InDesign, Photoshop, Bridge, Photo Mechanic, Macromedia Dreamweaver 8, Microsoft Office, Soundslides, Audacity, Final Cut Pro, Fetch, Transmit, Cyberduck, OnSet, Brightcove, Clickability

Social media

Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Foursquare, SCVNGR, LinkedIn, TweetDeck, Seesmic, Flickr, Vimeo, YouTube, Tumblr, Last.fm, Google Buzz

Awards

1st Place in editorial writing in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program – 2008; John S. Knight Scholar Award – 2006; Kent Photographers Association Student Photographer of the Year – 2006; Regional Society of Professional Journalists 2nd place in news writing, 1st place in opinion writing – 2005; Ron A. Clark Outstanding Opinion Writing Award – 2004, 2008; Thompson Family Scholarship for First Generation Journalism Students – 2004

REFERENCES

Available upon request