

Profile

Community journalist with five years experience covering local and citywide issues in the neighborhoods of Germantown, Mt. Airy and Chestnut Hill in Northwest Philadelphia. For professional writing clips and personal biography please visit www.nailitdesign.com/carisa.

Education

2000

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Experience

2000 - PRESENT

Staff Writer | COURIER/TIMES EXPRESS | Philadelphia, PA

Assigned at least three articles per week that includes some or all of the following: interviews, editing, library and/or web research, attending meetings at City Hall or community/civic organizations, and trial coverage in court. In addition, assists managing editor in organization and layout of the publication using QuarkXPress graphics program.

- Participates actively in development and implementation of story ideas and assignments.
- Acted as Interim Editor, directing editorial content and layout for the issues of July 2003.
- Responsible for extensive coverage of Mayor John Street's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI).
- Maintains and updates website for newspaper.

1999 - 2000

Correspondent | PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE | Philadelphia, PA

Responsible for a variety of story assignments that included City Hall meetings, media events, conferences at colleges and organizations, and feature stories.

- Covered the 5th Annual African-American Male Empowerment Summit held at Temple University.

1998 - 1999

Listings Intern | PHILADELPHIA CITY PAPER | Philadelphia, PA

In charge of gathering and researching information for the entertainment listings, tape transcription for writers, and photo archiving.

- Wrote entertainment "picks of the week" that consisted of an editorialized summary of the event and recommendations.

Skills

Operating Systems: All versions of Windows; Macintosh OS X

Applications: MS Office, QuarkXPress, NewsDesk

Awards

2000, International Library of Poetry, poem published