



Rhyen Coombs

OFFICE

1229 Evelyn Ave. Apt. 2
Albany, CA 94706

PHONE

503.998.2016

EMAIL

rhyen.coombs@gmail.com

WEB

<http://rhyencoomb.com>

Profile

Multimedia reporter and web producer with eight years of journalism and online experience

Experience

FREELANCE MULTIMEDIA REPORTER & WEB PRODUCER, SF BAY AREA, CA, 2007-PRESENT

Published video, print and photography for Frontline, San Francisco Bay Guardian, San Jose Mercury News, Oakland Tribune, Contra Costa Times, China Digital Times, AlterNet.org, NBC.

FELLOW, CARNEGIE-KNIGHT INITIATIVE ON THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM, BERKELEY, CA, 2009

Led five-person News21 team to produce BARTHood, a custom WordPress site on public transit in Bay Area communities. Responsible for site design, development and data visualization.

MULTIMEDIA TRAINER, KNIGHT DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER; BERKELEY, CA, 2008-2009

Taught workshops on social media for editors and reporters from leading media outlets. Assisted with multimedia training on Flash, Web 2.0 tools, mapping, photography and video production.

WEB ASSISTANT, UC BERKELEY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM; BERKELEY, CA, 2008-2009

Worked under webmaster to maintain, troubleshoot program's large WordPress site. Kept the home page fresh, updated the intranet and interactive photo galleries, and handled staff requests.

INTERN WEB PRODUCER, CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING; BERKELEY, CA MAY-AUG. 2008

Blogged regularly on investigative multimedia; updated functionality of custom Drupal website and CMS; expanded social media for online branding, including Facebook and Twitter.

INTERN MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER, THE CHAUNCEY BAILEY PROJECT, BERKELEY, CA MAY-AUG. 2008

Produced multimedia for collaboration investigating the death of journalist Chauncey Bailey, including a widely circulated video, interactive timeline, and redesigned website and CMS.

ASSOCIATE ONLINE EDITOR, WORLD PULSE MEDIA; PORTLAND, OR 2005-2008

Developed editorial content for niche print magazine and website. Produced weekly story alerts and monthly e-newsletters featuring aggregated and original stories and podcasts. Launched PulseWire, a social networking site connecting the magazine's international women readers.

COPY EDITOR, STAFF, THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE; DAVIS, CA 2001-2003

Edited and proofread for accuracy and AP style all copy for daily news circulation. Composed headlines, assisted with layout, and approved final galleys. Co-managed junior staff.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WOMEN & ISLAMIC CULTURES; DAVIS, CA, 2002-2004

Conducted research on scholarly attention paid to women in Islamic cultures. Co-wrote and edited methodology and preliminary data analysis, published in EWIC Vol. II (Leiden: Brill 2006).

Education

University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism – MA, 2009

University of California, Davis – BA, Anthropology; minor, Women's Studies, 2003

Skills

Adobe Flash, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat; basic HTML, CSS, XML, PHP; CMS flexibility in WordPress, Drupal; Final Cut Pro; Soundtrack Pro, Soundslides, Quark XPress; social media

Awards

Dorothea Lange Fellowship, 2009, for multimedia photography documenting Bay Area foreclosures
Online News Association Award 2009, for investigative journalism-small site, and The Knight Award for Public Service (for work with The Chauncey Bailey Project)