

Tom McMeekin

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Education

- M.A. Journalism & Mass Communication** (in progress)
Point Park University
33 credits completed (out of 36 required), GPA 3.61
- B.S. Communication, Summa Cum Laude** December 2006
Clarion University of PA
GPA 3.901, Dean's List 7 semesters
- Butler Area Senior High School, Honors Graduate May 2003
Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School, Culinary Arts May 2003

Professional Experience

- Point Park University, School of Communication** January 2009 – April 2010
Print Graduate Assistant
- Adviser and Instructor for "The Pioneer," a news magazine produced by undergraduate students in Publications Production I and II courses.
 - Assisted the Director of the Graduate Program, performing filing, research and other tasks (such as compiling admissions requirements for all 200 U.S. graduate programs in journalism).
 - Instructor for the weeklong residential Summer High School Journalism Workshop in June 2009, and assisted with Point Park's High School Media Day each semester.
 - As additional part-time work during the summer, revised all copy for the School of Communication Web site and prepared it for migration to the University's new Web site design. Assisted with other marketing publications for the School of Communication.

- Freelance work** 2007 - present
- **Writer and Blogger** for Alternative Reality Web Zine (ARWZ.com), an online publication.
 - **Tester** for Qlique.com (Entermedia Corp.), a social networking Web site. (Sept. 2007)

- WCUB-TV, Clarion, PA** August 2003 – December 2006
- As **Production Director**, led the department in creating promotional spots for the station and area businesses, and served on the executive board (Fall 2006).
 - As **Executive Producer** of "Literary Lust," created, wrote and co-hosted a weekly TV program (2004).
 - As member of **Technical Crew**, operated all aspects of production for live, live-to-tape and edited programming.

- The Clarion Call, Clarion, PA** August 2003 – May 2006
- As **Editor-in-Chief** for three semesters, managed a staff averaging 70 students and oversaw all aspects of newspaper publication. Determined which material and information should be published, informed other members of the Executive Board of their responsibilities, and checked material for libel, accuracy and grammar.
 - Also worked as **Copy and Design Editor, Copy Editor** and **Staff Writer**.

- Clarion University of PA** Summer 2006
- As an **Area Desk Clerk** for the University Residence Halls, assisted guests by phone and in person, monitored door alarm system, checked out equipment and forwarded mail.

Skills

Video Production:

Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere, Casablanca Avio, Chyron character generator, LiveType

Desktop Publishing and Design:

QuarkXPress, InDesign, PageMaker, Photoshop, Acrobat, Microsoft Office

References and samples of work are available upon request.

Awards and Activities

- **Society for Collegiate Journalists**
Honorable Mention for a News Story, 2006
Vice President, Fall 2004 – Fall 2006
Delegate at National Convention, 2004
- **Clarion University Department of Communication James Canelos Scholarship** (2006)
- **Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities Award** (2005)
- **Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarships** (2005-2006 and 2006-2007)
- **AFSCME Local 1983 Scholarship**
(Spring 2005)
- **Phi Eta Sigma, National Honor Society**
(initiated April 2004)
- **American Library Association and Special Libraries Association** chapters
President of ALA (2004 – 2006), Projects included editing newsletters for SLA and Clarion Free Library, fundraising, and volunteering at Clarion Free Library (2003 – 2005)

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