

John Feinauer

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I am currently working toward a master's degree in American history from the University of Utah, where my research has focused on policy history in the American West. I will complete my degree in May, 2017.

I have 2 years experience in digital journalism and extensive experience as a researcher. I am also bi-lingual (English/Brazilian Portuguese) and am conversational in Spanish.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Legislative Research Assistant

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel - Salt Lake City, UT - July 2016 to Present

I work as a research assistant in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, which provides nonpartisan assistance to state legislators. I serve in a dynamic capacity, compiling data and summarizing reports for policy analysts and the legal counsel staff. The position is part-time and will end with the completion of my master's degree.

Teaching Assistant

University of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT - August 2015 to Present

Responsibilities

Consulting with students, grading, lecturing.

Accomplishments

I have helped countless students learn practical skills for studying and writing. I have done both one-on-one work as well as group lectures.

Skills Used

Personal and group communication, analytical skills, consulting.

Writer/Web Producer

Deseret Digital Media - Salt Lake City, UT - May 2013 to August 2015

Responsibilities

Worked as a staff writer for DeseretNews.Com and the Deseret News National Edition. Articles focused primarily on the intersection of religion and politics and religion and family life.

Accomplishments

Oversaw the production and promotion of hundreds of digital first articles and helped reach monthly page view goals for our website. I also worked on multiple successful social media campaigns.

Skills Used

Writing, social media promotion, interpersonal communication, editing, CMS management

Author

Jeff Benedict & Associates - Buena Vista, VA - November 2010 to May 2013

Jeff Benedict (860)625-6579

Executive Assistant

- * Maintenance of the website Jeffbenedict.com
- * Writing cover letters, creating invoices, and responding to email inquiries
- * Copy edited Jeff Benedict's blog for Jeff Benedict.com
- * Copy edited Jeff Benedict's columns for Deseret News.
- * Led a marketing campaign and worked on social media campaign for the publication of Poisoned: The True Story of the Deadly E. Coli Outbreak that Changed the Way Americans Eat, released in May 2011.
- * Helped edit a memoir for a Muslim extremist who became a Christian. It will be published in the fall of 2013.

Research Assistant

- * Worked as a research assistant on various writing projects for Investigative journalist Jeff Benedict:
- * Lead researcher and a reporter for The System, an upcoming book on college football by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian, published by DoubleDay books (Sept. 2013)

Researcher

Jeff Benedict & Associates - May 2011 to December 2012

May, 2012)

- * Co-wrote "To Serve or Not To Serve", a Sports Illustrated story on Mormon athletes and missions.
- * Research for a 6 month joint investigation by Sports Illustrated and CB News, "Rap Sheets, Recruits, and Repercussions" which ran as the March 2011 Sports Illustrated Cover Story
- * Research for the Mitt Romney chapter of The Mormon Way of Doing Business 3rd edition, published by Hachette in April 2012.

Missionary (volunteer)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter - October 2007 to October 2009

Day Saints Minas Gerais, Brazil Supervisors: Daniel Frei, Adilson Parrella adparrella@gmail.com

Missionary (volunteer)

- * Ecclesiastical representative for the LDS Church
- * District and Zone Leader for proselytizing efforts
- * Trainer
- * Teacher
- * Translator

Served in many capacities that required strong communications skills. Multiple presentations on policy and procedure, as well as one-on-one counseling with missionaries. I also frequently gave presentations to college students about the fundamental beliefs of the LDS church.

EDUCATION

M.A. in American History

University of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT

September 2015 to May 2017

B.A. in History

Southern Virginia University - Buena Vista, VA

December 2009