

# Brandon Smith-Hebson

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## Experience:

6/11-present

### **Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun**

*Editorial Department Intern*

- Originally slated for the cops beat, my editors learned I would produce compelling works on complex subjects if they let me report on whatever I wanted — so mostly, they did. I was also usually assigned 2-3 daily stories a week.
- I asked to take on additional work, writing for B2B, our quarterly business magazine. My story on a local micro-dairy will be the cover story of the issue released in Oct.
- I worked with the Eye on Government team of the Dayton Daily News to produce some regional investigations.

8/10-12/10

### **ABC 7 News Chicago (WLS-TV)**

*Food Reporter Intern under Steve Dolinsky, the “Hungry Hound”*

- I helped produce three, three-minute television segments a week—from development of story ideas to scheduling shoots, to editing the final cut and coordinating live presentations of food, I did everything except those jobs prohibited me by the union—writing and tracking the final script, and interviewing folks with a microphone.
- I developed a keen sense of how reporting with video works: what can and should be shot in the field, and how to best shoot it.
- Translated notes into a log with time codes, from which final scripts were written.
- Gained an intimate knowledge of the food industry in Chicago and how it and the media work together.

5/08-08/09

### **Wilmington (Ohio) News-Journal**

*Newsroom Intern until 05/09; Contributing Writer until 08/09*

- Handled pieces similar to staff writers: features, investigative projects, Viewpoints columns and breaking news.
- Assigned to cover the Wilmington City Police Department. To do this, I implemented an online link into the department’s computer systems. I also analyzed raw police data to look for trends in crime.
- Assisted in covering the summer’s biggest story – DHL’s move out of Wilmington.
- Shot and edited video that broadcast online.

5/06-8/07

### **Washington Court House (Ohio) Record-Herald**

*Editorial Department Assistant*

- Reported, photographed and wrote breaking news and feature stories; also wrote columns, editorials.
- Won first place in editorial writing among Brown Publishing Company’s then 17 daily newspapers, for the first part in a series (published July 2007) on life in a small town.
- Managed obituary work at the newspaper.
- Narrated and edited news video clips for the website.
- Constructed my own photo essays in QuarkXPress.

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## Education:

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### **Columbia College Chicago**

Chicago, IL

*Pursuing Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Science Journalism concentration*

8/07-5-09

### **Cedarville University**

Cedarville, OH

*Pursued Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts*

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## Skills:

Six years of obsession over cool ways of doing journalism on the web: what works, what doesn’t, and why. Understands web etiquette. Reports and writes for all media. Produces video; uses sundry imaging equipment. Uses most content management systems. Designs web pages using HTML and CSS. Insists on data or evidence when reporting; relies on a large list of contacts for analysis. Uses most Apple, Adobe, and Google software with ease.

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## Additional Honors:

- Intercollegiate Director of Tau Delta Kappa, the student society of Cedarville University’s honors program
- Second prize for poetry in the *Case Reserve Review*; also published three creative nonfiction shorts in the *Cedarville Review*
- One of 70 students chosen out of all rising seniors in Ohio to attend the “Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted,” Ohio State University, August 2004
- “Save Our History” national award winner—from The History Channel—for historical research on an Ohio cemetery. Awarded a plaque by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs in a Washington, DC ceremony. (Trip paid for by The History Channel). Group research formed into a published book.
- Several-time Brown Editorial Excellence and AP Society of Ohio award nominee