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Seasoned bilingual Spanish-speaking writer and editor with broad experience in research and reporting in the technology, video game, hardware, and software development, pop culture, and political fields. Expertise includes an MBA degree, a master's in Journalism, start-ups in retail sales, and high-level Mac, Windows and Linux-based computer repair, and active U.S. military training.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE:

The Washington Post, **March 2006 to May 2008**

Freelance Writer - Articles, photos, and reviews concerning upcoming technologies and video games appeared in both print and web editions. Accumulated 20 published articles with the publication ranging from how-to pieces to personal technology segments to game reviews to participating in on-site event coverage with the newspaper's team.

Macworld (Remote) **May 2007 to Present**

Freelance Writer/Contributing Writer – Reviewed business applications as well as personal finance software and wrote repair and how-to columns. Served as an on-site correspondent for product launches and trade shows such as E3 and Macworld Expo, providing live updates, photo galleries, and press release write-ups as needed. Currently working as a regular Contributing Writer and penning regular reviews and columns focused on privacy, security, malware, and utility software.

Playboy (Remote) **August 2015 to August 2017**

Freelance Writer– Pitched, researched, and wrote features related to video games, giant robots, multiplayer party games, and video game development events. Featured articles included reviews of the Halo Remake, and features focusing on the MegaBots robot fighting league and game jam programming weekends.

O'Grady's PowerPage (Remote), **November 2006 to Present**

Managing Editor - Managing Editor for O'Grady's PowerPage, a Mac-focused mobile technology blog serving between 2,000 and 5,000 readers per day. Accomplishments include news coverage, product reviews, on-site coverage, research, community management, and remaining up to date on current, developing, and rumored Mac and iOS-related products.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Mac Menders, Washington, D.C., and Berkeley, CA, **October 2002 to Present**

Proprietor - Founded, established, and ran Mac Menders, a consulting and service agency for home and office computers and networks, branching into Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, Windows 11, X-Windows, Unix, and Linux platforms. Accomplishments include diagnosis, repairs, troubleshooting, scheduling, advertising, finances, purchasing, web design, part-time employee coordination, training, and documentation for the client base. Self-trained, complete with Apple Certified Macintosh Technician and Retina certifications.

SnarkFish T-Shirts, Washington, D.C., and Berkeley, CA, **November 2015 to Present** **Proprietor** –Founded and ran SnarkFish T-Shirts, a geek lifestyle-oriented T-shirt and apparel company.

Accomplishments include website design, business development, event and inventory management, personnel management, product design, logistics planning, marketing, and accounting.

University of Maryland Recreation and Wellness, College Park, MD, **September 2023 to Present**

Broadcast Assistant - Worked as a broadcast assistant with the University of Maryland's Esports program, utilizing Twitch, YouTube, Flowics, and OBS Streamlabs to help correctly time and stream the university's academic and premier league teams during live broadcasts while keeping workstations up to date and in working order.

Maryland Defense Force/Maryland National Guard, Reisterstown, MD. **January 2020 to Present**

First Lieutenant and Acting Officer in Charge with the Maryland Defense Force/Maryland National Guard, providing hardware support, software support, training assistance, IT/administration team leadership and documentation with the 256th Cyber Defense Unit.

Professional Accomplishments Include:

- Helped provide Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, and Adobe After Effects-based graphics and

animation for “Lethal Restraint,” a multi-year project between the Associated Press, the University of Maryland, and the University of Arizona, documenting police use of force that was aired on PBS “Frontline” on April 30, 2024.

- Helped break the story about the Route 141 bus line for the Diamondback and The Lack Explosion, wherein witnesses confirmed that a bus company contracted with the University of Maryland was stowing commuter students under the bus/in the luggage area. This culminated in the Rumor 141 podcast (<https://open.spotify.com/show/53E9yluCVZowma6EneF7Qg>) and helped lead to a changing of bus companies used by the university.
- Completed the Philip Merrill College of Journalism’s semester-long Capital News Service internship in Washington, D.C., with an “A” while also breaking the story about electrical and renovation work being done on the iconic Uptown Theater after retrieving recently-published permit documentation. This led to the story being one of the most widely read and shared stories in the CNS website’s history.
- Managed 400+ regular technology clients through Mac Menders, providing remote, drop-off and on-site hardware and software repairs while providing status updates throughout the process. Garnered a 4.5-star Yelp review rating to help turn Mac Menders into a reliable component of the community.
- Managed design, implementation, and deployment of the SnarkFish T-Shirts line to build a customer base and inform them of new products as they become available. Also trained and managed six part-time staff members, familiarizing them with the product, inventory, organization, sales, and shipment process for units sold.
- Honorable Mention for Best Creative Execution (Graduate) - The 2005 DMEF Leonard J. Raymond Collegiate ECHO Competition.

Technical Skills:

- Microsoft Office, Google Docs, Slack, VMWare, VirtualBox, OBS Streamlabs, WordPress, assorted Linux distributions, and Otter
- Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Lightroom and Adobe Audition
- HTML, CSS, Atom, Discord, GitHub, Visual Studio Code, ChatGPT, and Sublime Text

EDUCATION, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND AFFILIATIONS:

- M.A. Journalism, 2023, Philip Merrill College of Journalism, The University of Maryland, College Park.
 - M.B.A., 2005, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
 - B.A. English, 2000, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
 - Two Apple Certified Macintosh Technician and Retina Certifications
 - Member of the Society of Professional Journalists
 - Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society in April 2024
 - Received Sentient Gamification Surveyor Level 1 Certificate August 2026
- GPA:** 3.872 (University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism MA)