

Justin S. Leverett

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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

- Exceptional research and writing skills with strong passion for sustainability and social justice
- Driven and detail-oriented, committed to meeting needs/goals of supervisors and colleagues
- Culturally competent and able to understand unique challenges of people from diverse populations

Portland State University | Portland, OR

Master of Science, Communications Studies

2016 – 2018

University of Kansas | Lawrence, KS

Graduated Phi Beta Kappa

Bachelor of Science, Journalism (News and Information)

2006 – 2010

Bachelor of Arts, French Language

2006 – 2010

SKILL SUMMARY

- Experienced Interviewer
- Motivated Self-Starter
- Team Work and Collaboration
- Innovative Problem Solving
- Analytical and Research Skills
- Commitment and Follow Through
- Advanced MS Office Suite, including Excel
- Bilingual in French

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY | Portland, OR

9/2016 – Present

Department of Communication

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Planned lectures and graded students' writing using web-based platforms for educational purposes
Inspired and motivated students to develop and express their unique perspectives through writing

CENTER FOR PAN-ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES | Clarkston, GA

5/2013 – 8/2013

The Broadway Newspaper

Reporter and Editor

Reported news for The Broadway, a publication founded and distributed by refugee youth
Contributed to planning, design, printing and distribution of start-up non-profit newspaper
Created and promoted a website and social media platforms with limited resources
Promoted civic engagement and media access for the underserved populations of Clarkston, GA

CLARKSTON DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION | Clarkston, GA

5/2012 – 5/2013

Communications Associate

Planned and facilitated events to build capacity in a majority-refugee, poverty-stricken community
Produced content for community newsletter and managed social media outreach
Collaborated with small team on organizational re-branding and design of new organization website

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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Democratic National Committee – Canvasser and Organizer Summer 2015

Coordinated phone banking and canvassing efforts for 2-star General Bill Enyart's campaign
Participated in week-long training as field organizer for Democratic U.S. representative

Georgia Organics – Canvasser Summer 2013

Informed Atlanta-area residents on new SNAP collaboration program with local Farmers' markets

University Daily Kansan – Editor, Reporter, Designer 2008— 2010

Edited and revised others' stories, wrote headlines, and proofread pages before publication
Reported three stories per week and developed portfolio of sources for local beat
Arranged headlines, text and graphics in attractive page layouts for daily student newspaper

Society of Professional Journalists, KU Chapter – President 2008 — 2010

As president, planned and coordinated on-campus activities, educational opportunities
Coordinated executive board for funding and promotion of group activities
Organized a fundraiser for emergency natural disaster relief that raised more than \$3,000
As secretary, assisted in drafting the constitution for a new on-campus organization,
Built e-mail list of on-campus group members and kept notes for group events

Student-Run Radio 90.7 KJHK – Radio News Reporter 2007— 2010

Played new and rarely-heard music and promotions in two-hour-long time blocks
Edited and produced feature stories and original reporting for award-winning radio news magazine

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Friends Committee on National Legislation – Peace Advocacy 2014

Lobbied the office of Congressman and Civil Rights leader John Lewis in Washington D.C. on peace issues

Training for Change – Anti-Racism Workshop 2013

Trained in strategic nonviolent strategies for social, economic, and environmental justice
Learned activist principles and anti-racism strategies from Philadelphia-based training organization

Rollins School of Public Health (Emory University) – Community Engagement 2012

Helped coordinate community-based weeklong workshop on Asset-Based Community Development

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa

University of Kansas Sustainability Award

Two Kansas Association of Broadcaster's Awards in Feature News

Chancellor's Club Scholar

National Merit Scholar