

LISA WAANANEN

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The New York Times

GRAPHICS INTERN & EDITOR, JULY 2011 TO PRESENT

Researched and designed maps, timelines and other charts for print and the web.
Assisted senior graphics editors with breaking-news graphics and long-term projects.

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

DIGITAL MEDIA ASSOCIATE, JUNE 2010 TO JULY 2011

Assisted with digital media training at the journalism school for students and faculty.
Taught digital media skills including graphics, video, audio, photojournalism and website construction in the classroom and individual tutoring. Specialized in interactive graphics and data visualization. Developed and taught popular mini-course on graphics and Flash.

The Student Press Law Center Arlington, Va. | student media rights nonprofit
REPORTING INTERN, JANUARY TO APRIL 2009

Wrote online updates and in-depth magazine articles about freedom of information laws and student media issues. Assisted with video, graphics and illustrations to accompany stories.

The Spokesman-Review Spokane, Wash. | 90,000 daily and 110,000 Sundays
REPORTER AND EDITORIAL ASSISTANT, JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2008

Worked as a general assignment reporter for the city desk, writing stories on deadline and developing longer features. Covered early and late shifts, responsible for posting breaking news to the website with relevant links and working with the web editor to update those stories for the print edition. Coordinated maps and graphics to accompany stories for print and online. As editorial assistant, conducted research, checked facts and answered readers' phone calls.

The Daily Evergreen student newspaper at Washington State University | 12,500 daily
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2007
MANAGING EDITOR, JANUARY TO MAY 2007

Guided the vision of the newspaper and led a staff of 15 editors and more than 50 other staffers. Emphasized multimedia training and successfully petitioned for new equipment. Oversaw a redesign of the paper and the construction of a new website. Also worked as a copy editor, section editor, reporter, photographer, videographer, designer and columnist between August 2005 and May 2008. Reported with an emphasis on community features, campus safety and historical retrospectives. Took news photos and created timelines, maps and illustrations. Organized and produced various special sections.

The Indianapolis Star Indianapolis, Ind. | 252,000 daily and 357,000 Sundays
PULLIAM FELLOW INTERN, JUNE TO AUGUST 2007

Worked in the features department writing stories for the daily paper and weekly entertainment sections. Covered the temporary "Harry Potter beat," including a blog with multiple daily entries, relevant links, photographs and reader interaction.

The Arizona Daily Sun Flagstaff, Ariz. | 12,000 daily and 15,000 Sundays
GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTING INTERN, JUNE TO AUGUST 2005

Wrote community features and wildfire updates. Generated story ideas and assisted other reporters with editing and database research.

RECENT FREELANCE PROJECTS

WNYC Transportation Nation
website design and graphics

PBS Women, War & Peace
interactive maps and graphics

Mashable
infographics on media topics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator, Flash, Photoshop, InDesign · ArcGIS · Final Cut Pro · HTML and CSS · Javascript/Jquery · Actionscript · basic PHP and Ruby · WordPress themes

EDUCATION

Columbia University
Graduate School of Journalism

New York City, 2009 to 2010
M.S. JOURNALISM WITH HONORS

Washington State University
Pullman, Wash., 2004 to 2008
B.A. COMMUNICATION – JOURNALISM
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE – PRE-LAW

COLUMBIA HONORS

Graduated with Honors, awarded to top 15 percent of the class.

Selected for Digital Media Interactive award for top student in the spring interactive graphics workshop.

Awarded Honors in Class in both major fall semester courses, given by instructors to top 20 percent of students in each journalism course.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa
Gamma of Washington Chapter at Washington State University

Lighty Leadership Scholarship
WSU Alumni Association

National Merit Scholar, 2004

Minnesota High School State Champion
3200m run and cross country, 2003