

Lauren Deidra Sawyer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nationally-recognized *The Sojourn* newspaper, Editor-in-Chief, Marion, Indiana 2009-Present

- Lead weekly meetings with editorial staff
- Edited staff writers' and editors' stories weekly
- Wrote news stories or features every week
- Integrated new technology into newsroom
- Contributed to layout and design process
- Responsible for hiring current year's staff

The League for the Blind and Disabled, Marketing Intern, Fort Wayne, Indiana Summer 2011

- Designed brochures and flyers League programs
- Branded organization documents
- Copy-edited brochures, mailers and various documents
- Wrote copy for flyers and brochures
- Set up the League's blog and wrote first post
- Worked alongside and advocated for men and women with disabilities

Preemptive Love Coalition, Intern, Sulaimaniah, Iraq Summer 2010

- Managed, edited, co-designed and wrote PLC's annual report
- Experienced everyday life in Iraq; learned basic Sorani Kurdish
- Participated in weekly discussions on history, culture, religion and international development
- Accompanied PLC staff to meetings with local partners (i.e. doctors, entrepreneurs)
- Assisted in teaching English as a second language
- Wrote copy and created a multimedia piece for the PLC blog

EDUCATION

Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana

April 2012

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Bachelor of Arts in Writing

Concentration in Multimedia

GPA: 3.8

FREELANCE WRITING

Grant County's *Chronicle-Tribune*, newspaper

Indiana Wesleyan University's *Caesura*, literary magazine

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Burnside Writers Collective, online magazine

OTHER WRITING AND EDITING OPPORTUNITIES

Co-wrote and starred in a 30-minute play for a faculty and student audience (Spring 2010)

Copy editor for Indiana Wesleyan University's literary magazine, *Caesura* (Spring 2010)

Assistant editor of IWU's *School of Nursing* magazine (2009-2010)

Wrote, directed, and produced spots, dramas, and documentaries for WIWU 94.3 *The Fortress* (Fall 2009)

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

Adobe InDesign

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Dreamweaver

Adobe Audition

Microsoft Office Suite

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

InAsMuch ministry volunteer (2009-Present)

Doulos student organization spiritual formation leader (Spring 2009)

Doulos student organization member (2008-2010)