

Richard Chu

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EXPERIENCE

2001 – present

Youth Editor, *New Century Magazine*, SGI Canada national magazine

- Manage the *Youth Express* section by generating ideas, substantive editing of articles, organizing the production schedule, writing articles, interviewing youth from across Canada, meeting deadlines, designing page layout with Quark Xpress and proof-reading before publication.

Feb.28 – Sept.2, 2005

Contract Reporter, *The Vancouver Sun*

- General news reporter on contract for six months responsible for writing eight-to-15-inch hard news stories, news features, and business stories on a daily basis. Stories ranged from local reaction to world events (Vancouver's urban search and rescue team in Louisiana, Harry Potter book 6, death of Pope John Paul II, installation of Pope Benedict XVI), local news (2005 provincial election coverage, Mt. Logan rescue), business news (Port of Vancouver strike, 2005 blueberry crop, poultry industry after avian flu), crime stories (pimps recruiting at elementary schools, eagle poaching) and news features (Vancouver Special Olympics gold medal winners). More than 215 stories were published, some having run in other daily papers including the National Post, Victoria Times-Colonist, Edmonton Journal, Kingston Whig-Standard and the Ottawa Citizen.

May 2004 – July 2004

TV Reporter Intern, *CBC-Vancouver Canada Now*

- One of three interns selected for the Vancouver Internship Program. Responsibilities included researching and making calls for various news and investigative stories, collecting interviews with cameramen, working with an editor to piece together news clips, producing special segments for broadcast. Worked on coverage of the 2004 Federal Election; produced a 60-second "Tribute to Valedictorians" which ran for two-weeks on CBC Canada Now and for one week on CBC Radio One. Prepared my own news story on "Cool Summer Jobs" which aired on the last day of my internship.

March – April 2004

Writer, *Business in Vancouver newspaper*

- Interning reporter for the newspaper, writing news briefs, researching and writing news and feature stories requiring third-party, professional analysis in addition to basic reporting. The range of written subjects included the Vancouver Port Authority, legal research, fashion trends, environmental waste management, the RAV project and corporate education.

2000-2001

Associate Chief Editor, *Perspectives*, Bilingual English-Chinese UBC Student Newspaper (circulation 10,000)

- Work with the Chinese Chief Editor, being responsible for entire English portion of the newspaper by coordinating production with Chinese portion of the newspaper, generating ideas for articles, establishing and enforcing deadlines, ghost-writing if necessary, final editing before publication, as well as assisting in promotion and distribution of paper to the community.

EDUCATION

2002-2004

Kwantlen University College

Journalism Diploma, two-year program

Graduated in June 2004.

1995-2000

University of British Columbia

BA, Major in Political Science, Minor in English (language)

Graduated in May 2000.

SKILLS SUMMARY

<i>Writing</i>	Demonstrated proofreading and editing skills; Hard news, business & political reporting, feature and column writing
<i>Computers</i>	PC (Win95,98,XP) and Macintosh OS9 and OSX; Adobe Photoshop, Pagemaker, Acrobat, Illustrator; Quark Xpress, Macromedia Flash, MS Frontpage, Swish; Comprehensive HTML and CSS knowledge and experience;
<i>Organizational</i>	Independent and team player; Extensive research abilities; Self-motivated and results-oriented; Demonstrated time-management skills; Experienced multi-tasking ability.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1999	Essay published in the UBC Journal of Political Studies (received Essay Prize for Best Essay)
2002	Recipient of the Jack Webster Student Journalism Award
2003	Recipient of the Surrey Leader/Peace Arch News Journalism Award
2004	Recipient of the B.C. & Yukon Community Newspaper Association Scholarship

WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO

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REFERENCES

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