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## : EDUCATION :

Boston University, Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology, Religion  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, May 1999, GPA 3.9

: **awards** : Austrian Fulbright Grant; MTV Merit Award; Phi Beta Kappa; Richard Katz Award; College Prize; Golden Key National Honor Society; Eleni Gatzoyiannis Scholarship; Dean's List

: **study abroad** : Italy: language program; England: journalism internship; Austria: language program.

## : work experience :

### 1997– present **Freelance Writer/Copywriter**

Marketing clients include: *Travel + Leisure*, *Budget Travel*, *New York Magazine*, *Maxim*  
Editorial publications include: *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Nest*, *Interview*

### 2003– present **Freelance Copy Editor, Proofreader, and Fact-checker, New York**

- Proofread copy for grammar, accuracy, and adherence to in-house and established style guides, such as the *Chicago Manual of Style*, *AP Stylebook*, and *Words Into Type*.

Clients include: *Travel + Leisure*, *New York Magazine*, *Gourmet*, *Maxim*, *Blender*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Vanity Fair*, *Domino*, *Entertainment Weekly*

### 2002– 2003 **Publicist/Copywriter, Dente+Cristina, New York**

- Wrote press releases, advertising copy, new business proposals, and monthly activity reports.
- Organized special events and product launches.

### 2000– 2001 **English Teacher through Austrian Fulbright Grant, Vienna**

Prepared and conducted half-hour English lessons at the esteemed Schottengymnasium.

### **News Reporter/Copy Editor, Austria Today, Vienna**

- Wrote feature-length articles covering fashion, music, art, and film.
- Interviewed local and international artists, such as Dennis Hopper and Fred Durst.
- Edited, proofread, and fact-checked articles and photograph captions.

### 1999– 2000 **Associate Publicist, Random House, New York**

- Worked on national publicity campaigns for established and new writers, such as Tom Wolfe, Andrew Pyper, and Tom Robbins.
- Wrote press releases and arranged national book tours, signings, and in-store events.

### 1998– 1999 **MTV.com Online Reporter, Boston**

- Wrote weekly column on nightlife and cultural events; researched and updated local club, concert, and event listings; interviewed bands and artists; posted and edited pieces online.

### **Intern**

U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky's Favorite Poem Project – Boston

: **computer skills** : Word, InDesign, InCopy, QuarkXPress, QuarkCopyDesk; Mac and PC literate.

: **languages** : Italian, Greek, German, and some Spanish

: **hobbies** : Knitting, biking, reading, jewelry making, silkscreening