

RYAN BERNSTEN

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K. (Distinction 2017-2019)

- Master's in Creative Writing, Narrative-Non Fiction; Certificate in Business Foundations
- Earned Honors; Treasurer for Oxford Democrats Abroad, Deputy Editor for *The Ozymoron Magazine*

Northwestern University, School of Communication, Evanston, IL (Cum Laude, 2010-2014)

- Bachelor's in Theatre; Certificate in Creative Writing for the Media, Module in Playwriting
- Outstanding Junior Award; Homecoming Court 2013; Emerging Leaders Program; Sigma Chi Fraternity

Writers In Paris, New York University, Paris, France (June '12 - July '12)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Sprint (Kansas City, MO) *Copywriter* (Feb '20 - present)

- Wrote scripts and advertisements for national digital and TV commercials, email branding, and social media
- Worked with team to launch local and national marketing campaigns implementing brand strategy

Pembroke Hill School, (Kansas City, MO) *Substitute Teacher* (Sept. '19 - Dec '19)

- Implemented lesson plans for Upper School classrooms in Creative Writing, English, and Music

TestTakers, (New York, NY) *Reading/Writing Instructor* (June '16 - Apr. '18)

- Implemented existing SAT curriculum and spearheaded new lesson strategies to top performing students
- Privately coached/tutored students on successful college admission essays to Ivy League/Top 20 Universities

50 States of Mind LLC, (Oxford, U.K.) *Founder* (July '18 - present)

- Coordinated, fundraised, and organized travel for an Oxford grant-sponsored 5-month trip through all 50 states
- Scheduled interviews with mayors, governors, state legislators, and community leaders; lectured at universities

A-List Education, (New York, NY) *Direct Instruction* (Dec. '16 - Apr. '18)

- Taught in New York Public Schools: Alfred E. Smith, Bronx Science, Eximius, LAB School, InTech Academy
- Implemented curriculum in English, Grammar, and Reading for the SAT/ACT and taught essay-writing skills

Cold Justice, TNT, (Los Angeles, CA) *Associate Producer* (Dec. '14 - June '15)

- Recruited and collaborated with national police departments and sheriff's offices on episode development
- Acted as staff writer for scripting case file narratives and pitched to network/executive producers

The Onion News Network, (Chicago, IL) *Writers' Assistant Intern* (Sep. '12 - Dec. '12)

- Research and writing assistant to ONN writing team; completed daily research assignments

SELECTED WRITING EXPERIENCE

Atlantic, (Edinburgh, U.K.) *Librettist, Lyricist* (Sep. '16 - Aug. '17)

- Developed a new musical with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the American Musical Theatre Project
- Earned 5-star reviews in *The Glasgow Herald* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2017, sold-out one-month run

Dream Ticket, (New York, NY) *Playwright* (Jan. '16 - Aug. '16)

- Political satire *Dream Ticket* produced Off-Broadway in NY Fringe Festival by Fortress Productions
- Won Excellence Award; recommended by *Huffington Post*, *Time Out*: must see "Bernsten's hilarious, ominous play"

Gradesaver LLC, (Remote) *Study Guide Writer* (Sep. '17 - present)

- Wrote guides for *All the President's Men*, *Harry Potter & the Cursed Child*, *Station Eleven*, and *The Westing Game*

Zagat/The Infatuation, (Kansas City, MO) *Food Critic* (Sep. '19 - present)

- Contracted to write the Zagat Guide to Kansas City Restaurants for international publication in 2020

PUBLICATIONS, PRESS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Published in *USA Today*, *The Oxford Political Review*, *The Rockford Writer's Anthology*, *The Ozymoron*
- Appearances on local news (Report to Wyoming, WIFR Rockford), radio (KCUR - Kansas City), and podcasts (Two Broads Talking Politics, Chicago Indivisible, Sanity, Northwestern University Intersections Career Podcast)
- Guest lectured to honors students at High Point University and Metropolitan Community College - Omaha
- Emceed Northwestern Sigma Chi's 150th Anniversary Gala headlined by Obama Speechwriter Cody Keenan
- Onstage work recommended by *The Huffington Post*, *TimeOut New York*, *Theatre is Easy*, & *The Glasgow Herald*

SKILLS

Public Speaking, VAN, Slack, Microsoft Office, Google Docs, Wix Website Editing, Social Media, Video/Audio Editing (FinalCut, Audacity, Adobe Audition), Podcasting, Interviews, Community Outreach/Service, IL Driver's License