

# RYAN BERNSTEN

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## **EDUCATION**

**University of Oxford,** Oxford, U.K.

(Class of 2019)

- Master's in Creative Writing, Narrative-Non Fiction
- Year 1 Distinction; Certificate in Business Foundations; Deputy Editor for the Oxymoron

**Northwestern University, School of Communication,** Evanston, IL

(*Cum Laude*, 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)

- Fiction Writing Program

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Pembroke Hill School,** (Kansas City, MO) *Substitute Teacher*

(Sept. '19 - present)

- Implemented lesson plans for Upper School classrooms, provided detailed feedback to Department Heads

**50 States of Mind LLC,** (Oxford, U.K.) *Founder*

(July '18-present)

- Coordinated, fundraised, and organized travel itinerary for a 5-month road trip through over 150 U.S. cities
- Scheduled interviews with mayors, governors, state legislators, and community leaders on both sides of the aisle
- Hosted and produced "50 States of Mind" podcast on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Anchor, and Spotify
- Organized press for project and appeared on television news and radio programs across the country

**A-List Education,** (Bronx, 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

**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

**Hillary for America,** (Sioux City, IA; Palm Beach County, FL) *Fellow; Field Organizer*

(Aug. '15 - Nov. '16)

- Lead a team of 12 as office Captain for top-performing region in Florida and coordinated 50 volunteers
- Targeted likely voters, organized events with Congressional leaders, built relationships with Florida party leaders

**Cold Justice, TNT,** (Los Angeles, CA) *Associate Producer*

(Dec. '14 - June '15)

- Recruited and collaborated with national police departments, sheriff's offices on episode development
- Staff writer for scripting case file narratives and pitching to network and executive producer

**The Onion News Network,** (Chicago, IL) *Writers' Assistant Intern*

(Sept. '12 - Dec. '12)

- Research and writing assistant to ONN writing team: completed daily research assignments
- Transcribed weekly writers meetings, pitched headlines, spearheaded lexicon of Joe Biden articles

**CONAN,** (Los Angeles, CA) *Talent and Production Intern*

(June '13 - Aug. '13)

- Talent: Coordinated tapings with guests and management; green room supervision; security desk duties

## **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 at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2017, sold out audiences during a one-month run

**Dream Ticket,** (New York, NY) *Playwright*

(Apr. '16 - Aug. '16)

- Political satire *Dream Ticket* produced off-broadway in FringeNY Festival 2016, **\*Excellence Award Winner**
- Huffington Post Recommended; Time Out NY: must see "Bernsten's hilarious, ominous play"

## **SKILLS**

Public Speaking, Acting (Edinburgh Fringe Review: The Actor's Nightmare: "Ryan Bernsten is fantastically funny" - Tara Snelling), Improv, Comedy, Presentations, Social Media, Video/Audio Editing, Community Outreach/Service (Northwestern University Freshman Urban Program Counselor)