# **Harry Zahn**

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#### **Current Address**

312 Hanna Road

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### **Education**

James Madison University - Harrisonburg, VA

May 2016

- Cumulative GPA: 3.74/4.00
- B.A. in Political Science (Major GPA: 3.81/4.00)
- Minor: Political Communication (Minor GPA: 3.84/4.00)
- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, Dean's List every semester, semifinalist in the 2016 NASA Online Debates Speech Competition
- Activities: Odyssey Online (staff writer), Delta Upsilon (VP of Administration)

## **Work Experience**

- PBS NewsHour, Broadcast News Assistant – Arlington, Virginia

July-Dec 2016

- Wrote dozens of articles that were published on the *PBS NewsHour* website ranging from national and foreign affairs to science and politics. I interviewed sources, reviewed court documents, analyzed data and saw several articles receive over 16,000 shares on Facebook after being shared by the *NewsHour*.
- Assisted deputy senior producer on field shoots and in editorial process, recommended shots, b-roll and audio that made it to broadcast, gathered elements and compiled dossiers for correspondents and anchors.
- Utilized newsroom tools like iNews and Avid MediaCentral to edit scripts, insert b-roll and interview video and audio cues, monitor newswires, log live events, transcribe video, organize digital files, and add metadata. Also used AutoIngest software to ingest footage from XDCAMs and P2 cards.
- Assisted anchors and guests during live 6-hour Election Night coverage by monitoring and providing exit poll data updates, marking revised scripts and bringing them to the anchors by coordinating with the stage manager.
- **NBCUniversal**, *Paid Intern (Morning Joe)* New York, New York

June-Aug 2015

- Researched and provided stories for *Morning Joe* senior producer and *Way Too Early* correspondent.
- Shadowed producers, assisted in writing scripts, drafting dossiers and conducting research.
- Completed studio production tasks including: assisting talent, escorting and handling guests, reserving and tracking cars, and completing cue sheets/comparison sheets.
- C-SPAN, Intern (Political Unit) Washington, D.C.

Sept-Dec 2014

- Completed briefing memos and research projects for a senior executive producer and political editor; also assisted at events and broadcasts.
- Researched upcoming congressional, senatorial and gubernatorial debates and coordinated with producers; also constructed weekly debate schedules for the Campaign 2014 team.
- Contacted and communicated with campaigns and news organizations to secure coverage of congressional, senatorial and gubernatorial debates.
- Attended White House press briefings.
- U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Intern Newark, NJ

May-June 2014

### **Skills and Interests**

- Computer Skills: Apple and PC platforms, shooting video, basic video editing, iNews, Avid MediaCentral, AutoIngest, HTML, Microsoft Office, Keynote, social media
- Avid Tennis Player Ranked #3 in Southern NY State, Boys 18 and under (2011-2012)
- Driver's license