

Brigitte Barry

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PROFESSIONAL WRITER & JOURNALIST

PROFILE

- Customer-service driven journalist and professional writer with over 10 years of experience
- Known for expertise in handling deadlines and producing tight, accurate copy
- Strong editor in grammar and consolidating content for simplicity and ease of read
- Excellent work ethic, reliable, detail-oriented, organized, self-starter
- Powerful public speaker and presenter
- Seeking exciting new writing projects in print and online media

INDUSTRIES Education ♦ Healthcare ♦ Family/Children ♦ Training ♦ Community ♦ Consumer

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Monmouth Medical Center, Chinese Medical Program (Long Branch, NJ)

Freelance Writer

- Develop marketing flyers, brochures and fund-raising letters
- Research and write biographies for physicians
- Assist on-site at community outreach and fund-raising events

Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas

Correspondent

- Freelance writer for *This Week* section: North Montgomery County
- Interviewed community leaders, residents and business owners for newsworthy articles
- Published weekly stories on county, education, politics and community events
- Independently pursued relevant and ongoing stories
- Consistently met deadlines and produced error-free copy
- Published more than 100 articles on hard and soft news
- Published feature articles highlighting community residents, leaders, events and infrastructure

Organizational Development Systems (Houston, TX)

Technical Writer

- Produced manuals on organizational/professional development
- Edited copy of all training materials
- Expedited production of training materials for clients
- Specialized in assertiveness, organization, systemic or employee deficits

Laredo Morning Times, Laredo, TX

Reporter

- General Assignments – city, county, crime, education, spot news and entertainment
- Assisted editors in checking stories for accuracy and grammar
- Independently pursued developing stories and wrote articles on deadline
- Developed and maintained more than 100 community, city and county contacts
- Wrote three-part series on domestic violence- highest total newspaper sales for series

The Forest, Spring, TX

Contributing Writer

- Developed features and relevant stories for the local community
 - Pitched ideas, researched and wrote articles
 - Edited articles for accuracy and grammar
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, University of Houston (Houston, TX)

Major: English

A.A.S. Fashion Institute of Technology (New York, NY)

Advertising and Communications

HONORS

2011 *Writer's Digest* Annual Writing Competition

Hearst Newspaper Award

Golden Key National Honor Society

INTERESTS

- Literature - Books, any genre with a great plot and character development
 - Cinema - International/Foreign Films
 - Theater - Musicals and Plays
 - Fashion - Accessories and Clothing
 - Fitness - Hiking, Biking, Walking
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REFERENCES (*available upon request*)