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Pronouns: he/him/his

OBJECTIVE

Utilize my passion for U.S. history and experience in education, event planning, fundraising and advocacy to improve my community.

PORTFOLIO

Visit my website, ExperienceUSHistory.com, for projects and papers demonstrating my work toward a Master's in Public History.

EXPERIENCE

Civil War Re-enactor, Missouri Irish Brigade — 2005-Present

- Portray infantry soldier in Union Army
- Participated in over 30 re-enactments and encampments
- Educate spectators about life and equipment of a Civil War soldier
- Annually present to 5th graders about the life of a 19th century soldier
- Wrote and edited organization's bi-monthly newsletter from 2009-2012

At-Home Dad — 2002-Present

- Execute household, childcare and financial needs for my family of 6
- Perform household cleaning and home maintenance
- Design and facilitate summer learning program for my children
- Plan and coordinate sports and extracurricular activities
- Volunteer regularly at school and sports teams my children participated

St. Patrick's Parish — 2016-2020

- Educator for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) weekly
- Brought communion to hospital patients and lector at mass monthly

Author — 2012-2015

- Co-created and edited two volumes of stories written by fathers titled **Dads Behaving DADLY: Truths, Tears and Triumphs of Modern Fatherhood**
- Promoted books on TV, radio, podcasts, print and social media
- Appeared on *CBS This Morning*, *NPR* and *The New York Times*

President, National At-Home Dad Network — 2011-2015

- Led community of at-home dads offering support, education and advocacy
- Responsible for fundraising efforts that grew revenue by 700%
- Balanced needs of members, sponsors and public stakeholders
- Promoted organization and advocated for at-homed dads in all media
- Facilitated regular board meetings encouraging all voices to contribute

Co-Chair, HomeDadCon — 2009-2010

- Planned and promoted National At-Home Dad Network annual convention
- Responsible for sponsorships, finances, marketing, some program content

Classified Sales Executive, Omaha World-Herald — 1998-2002

- Sold and serviced 60+ accounts for help wanted advertising
- Adhered to strict deadlines and worked successfully under pressure
- Earned President's Club Award (top 10% of sales) in 7 of 12 quarters

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Owner, Watts Entertainment — 1999-2007

- Sold and provided disc jockey services for 100+ weddings and parties
- Maintained high standards of reliability and professionalism

Sales and Operations Manager, A Solid Gold Sound — 1996-1998

- Sold and coordinated disc jockey and video services at over 400 events
- Managed staff of 15 disc jockeys and 1 part-time assistant

Sales Representative, Action Paging Company — 1996

Sales Representative, USA Western Directories — 1995-1996

EDUCATION

American Public University - MA Public History (1/4 complete)

Iowa State University — BS History and Advertising (1995)

SKILLS

Advanced writing skills, comfortable presenting in front of small and large groups, problem-solver, organized, detail-oriented, excellent at follow-through, confident with Word, Excel and Power Point.