



AMANDA WEITZ

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AWARDS

Ohio's Best Journalism Award for College Opinion Writing
Awarded first place for an opinion article about personal experiences with adoption and China's two-child policy.

Robert F. Wolfe Journalism Honor Medal
Received the Ohio State School of Communication's oldest award for graduating seniors who are chosen by the faculty for academic excellence and professional promise.

Roy W. Howard National Reporting Fellow
One of nine collegiate journalists chosen by the Scripps Howard Foundation and Indiana University Journalism to embark on an expense-paid, 10-day study trip to Japan.

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite

AP Style and editing

Asana

DSLR photography/videography

Intermediate knowledge of Spanish and basic knowledge of Mandarin Chinese

MailChimp

Microsoft Office Suite

WordPress

EXPERIENCE

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

Manager, Business Development & Government Relations, August 2023 - Present
- Supports the coordination, management, and stewardship of relationships between governmental entities and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
- Writes, edits, and proofreads communications materials to assist in expanding engagement, education, and advocacy efforts
- Analyzes, collects, and organizes information on child welfare policy, practices, and funding trends

Manager, Strategic Communications, March 2022 - August 2023

- Wrote, edited, and developed content about the Foundation's programs and initiatives for child welfare audiences
- Supported event planning, including coordinating communications for Summit, the Foundation's annual professional development conference

Ohio Arts Council

Communications Strategist, June 2017 - March 2022

- Created, scheduled, and published media releases, social media campaigns, and feature stories that highlighted impacts of the state agency's mission and the work of its constituents
- Produced strategic content that engaged audiences, including elected officials, board members, and nonprofit leaders
- Produced the agency's monthly e-newsletter
- Organized the annual Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio luncheon

The Arizona Republic, AZcentral.com

Pulliam Fellow, June 2016 - August 2016

- Reported articles and provided accompanying photos and videos for *The Arizona Republic's* features desk
- Wrote content for national syndication

The Lantern

Editor in Chief, May 2015 - May 2016

- Provided editorial direction for *The Lantern*, the Ohio State University's student newspaper
- Served as a liaison between student employees, media management representatives, and printing companies

City of Dublin, Ohio

Events Assistant for VIP and Sponsor Relations, June 2013 - August 2015

- Organized and planned major city events, including the Dublin Irish Festival
- Documented and fulfilled sponsorship and VIP packages
- Wrote and edited scripts, media releases, and annual reports to city leadership

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

2020 - 2023

M.A. Public Policy and Administration

The Ohio State University

2013 - 2017

B.A. Journalism & Chinese
Summa Cum Laude with Honors
Phi Beta Kappa