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Skills Overview

Experienced journalist with experience writing for web and print. Author/editor of 12 books. Expert in relational database design and development.

Work History

DATABASE REPORTER/COLUMNIST

March 2010 – Present

Gannett Company / Rochester, NY

Develop interactive databases and data driven stories for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle and other Gannett newspapers. Produce investigative reports with both local watchdog team and state capital bureau. Work with other reporters to expand database journalism capabilities in the newsroom. Write weekly columns on technology and on local athletes. Manage RocDocs data site.

DATA PROJECTS COORDINATOR

October 2011 – Present

Society for American Baseball Research / Phoenix, AZ

Consult large non-profit organization on database development and data licensing projects. Establish standards and implement workflows for research community. Oversee delivery of content to major clients.

DATABASE CONSULTANT

January 2008 - March 2010

Self-employed

Provided database and content consulting for commercial websites and apps developers. Created strategies for digitizing clients' historical archives and utilizing digital assets. Assembled and led project teams for creating sports reference books. Clients included Sport Magazine, University of Rochester, and ESPN.

SPORTS COLUMNIST

August 2003 – January 2008

New York Sun / New York, NY

Lead football columnist for daily newspaper. Wrote about league-wide trends with focus on statistical analysis. Wrote weekly previews and postgame reports for New York Jets and Giants. Also did sports-related enterprise reporting.

DIGITAL PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

August 1999 – August 2003

Total Sports Publishing / New York, NY

Developed in-house software applications for managing statistical databases, text content, and other digital assets. Designed and developed data-driven websites. Supervised digital publishing staff.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

April 1990 - August 1999

Eastman Kodak Company / Digital & Applied Imaging / Rochester, NY

Developed web-based and desktop software applications for consumer and professional market. Supported research projects and development of new products. Supervised software testing teams.

Awards & Honors

- 2012 Award for Excellence, Distinguished State Government Coverage, New York News Publishers Association
- 2011 Gannett News MVP Award
- 2010 Fellowship, Knight Digital Media Center, UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism
- 2008 Nelson Ross Award, by Pro Football Researcher's Association, for best football book of the year

Education

University of Cincinnati, 1986-1990

Three years completed towards Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology

SUNY Empire State College, present

Working to complete Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism

Technical Skills

- Expert in relational database design and development, using MySQL, MS Access, XML/SGML and similar tools.
- Programming experience in Python, R, PHP, C/C++, Visual Basic, and Javascript.

Web portfolio, writing samples, and a list of published books are available online: <http://SeanLahman.com/>