

SUMMER BLOCK KUMAR

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, class of 2001

Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Medieval Studies

Bachelor of Arts with Honors, English Language and Literature

General Honors, Dean's List, 1997-2001

AWARDS AND HONORS

Identity Theory magazine, inclusion in "Best of 2006"

Nathaniel Insel Scholarship for Writing, 1998, 1999, 2000

EMPLOYMENT

Freelance Writer

1998 – present

Short fiction, comedy, theater, poetry, and essays on culture and the arts

McSweeney's

Small Spiral Notebook

artnet

San Francisco Chronicle

Identity Theory

The Big Jewel

Six Sentences

Newsweek (China edition)

Tripmaster Monkey

Hamilton Stone Review

Wheelhouse

DIAGRAM

The Rumpus

Tarpaulin Sky

Monkeybicycle

ALARM

PANK

Hotel St. George

January Magazine

Stirring

Swink magazine

2008 - present

Fiction Editor

Deciding acceptance or rejection of fiction submissions

Identity Theory magazine

2005 – present

Contributing Editor

Writing and editing non-fiction essays, interviews and reviews; contributing to editorial blog

Small Spiral Notebook magazine

2007

Contributing Writer

Writing book reviews and literary essays

that's Shanghai magazine

2006 – 2007

Food and Drink Editor

Commissioned, wrote, and edited pieces for monthly Food and Drink section; sourced and commissioned photographs; contributed to book and music review sections

eBay

2004 – 2005

Product Content Manager

Created content for the PayPal website, including instructional material, customer service emails, and error messages

Morgan Kaufmann Publishers 2003 – 2004
Editorial Assistant

Assisted with acquisitions, proposals, contracts, development, manuscript review, endorsements, permissions, and monthly financial reports

Intersection for the Arts 2002
Programming Assistant

Assisted with acquisitions, proposals, contracts, development, manuscript review, endorsements, permissions, and monthly financial reports

Ulysses Press 2002
Editorial Assistant

Copy editing, proofreading, fact checking, indexing, and research; wrote back cover material; project director for two manuscripts

Aubade magazine 1999 – 2001
Staff Editor

Read manuscripts for short fiction and poetry, decided acceptance or rejection

Chicago Review 1999 – 2000
Manuscript Reader

Read manuscripts for short fiction submissions, decided acceptance or rejection; offered editorial assistance to writers

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Languages: French, German, Latin

Travel: France, England, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Russia, Turkey, China, India, Vietnam, Thailand, Japan

Operating Systems: Unix/Linux, Windows

Software: FrameMaker, Quark, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Illustrator, ClearCase, ClearQuest, MS Office

Computer Languages: XML, HTML, CSS, PHP, Drupal, LaTeX

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Foreign Correspondents Club, Shanghai

National Book Critics Circle

Northern California Book Reviewers Association, prize committee

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

826 Valencia 2005
Writing Tutor

Tutored children 8-18 and taught expository and creative writing

University of Chicago 2005
Alumni Interviewer

Interviewed prospective incoming freshmen for admission