

# Amber Perry

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## SKILLS

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*Journalism:* Feature writing, news writing, editing, fact-checking, interviewing, researching, AP style

*Computer:* Working knowledge of Adobe (InDesign, Photoshop, Audition, Premier), working knowledge of WordPress

*Social Media:* Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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*Staff Reporter, Appen Media Group | Alpharetta, GA* 07/2022 – Present

- Contribute to six newspaper publications in north metro Atlanta on regular deadlines
- Report on weekly city council meetings and other local government meetings
- Research, conduct interviews, write and edit for rotating business profiles and other feature stories
- Process press releases to publish briefs in AP style
- Shoot quality photos and write cutlines for stories
- Continuously enterprise stories based on observation and investigation of community issues
- Work collaboratively with editorial staff to execute stories in timely fashion
- Build and maintain relationships with city officials and citizens of impacted communities

*Freelance Journalist* 08/2019 – 07/2022

- Published two feature stories in Georgia Health News regarding health disparity in rural Georgia as well as a new phone application helping those in addiction recovery
- Published two longform stories in The Progressive magazine about different social justice issues. One piece examined the forces that construct sex work criminalization. The second story investigated Florida's House Bill 1557, which limits what educators can say about gender and sexuality, and how it affects the LGBTQ+ community.

*Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, UGA | Athens GA*

*Media History* 01/2021 – 06/2021

- Assisted professor in grading discussions and exams
- Provided administrative assistance to manage lecture-based class

*Journalism Ethics and Diversity*

08/2020 – 12/2020

- Created weekly quizzes over relevant subject matter
- Assisted professor in grading essays and multimedia news stories
- Developed web-based organizational strategy for filing student work

*Health and Medical Journalism program*

08/2019 – 05/2020

- Conducted, fact-checked and refined monthly alumni Q&As
- Wrote blogs on program events, e.g., a workshop assisting journalists and young scientists translate complex jargon
- Regularly updated program website using WordPress

*Music Intern, Flagpole Magazine | Athens, GA*

06/2020 – 08/2020

- Wrote feature stories for Arts & Culture and Music sections
- Wrote weekly album reviews and teasers for song and music video releases

*Staff Writer, Copy Editor and Opinions Editor, Pacer Times | USC Aiken*

01/2018 – 05/2018

- Pitched and wrote multiple stories under tight weekly deadline in News, Arts & Culture and Opinions
- Edited and proofread copy before publication
- Designed Opinions page for expedition

## NEWS AWARDS

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*South Carolina Press Association's News Contest*

2018

- 1st place in Feature Story category
- 3rd place in Arts and Entertainment category

## EDUCATION

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*University of Georgia*

Master of Arts (M.A.) **Journalism**, GPA 3.9/4.0

August 2021

- Researched, wrote and edited 170-page thesis on the significance of feminist media

*University of South Carolina Aiken*

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) **Communication**, GPA 3.8/4.0

May 2018

Minor: **Literature**

LIFE Scholarship (4 years) • Lambda Pi Eta (Honor Society for Communication) • Sigma Tau Delta (Honor Society for English) • National Honor Society of Leadership and Success

- Recipient of 2018 Student of the Year in Philosophy