



T.J. Thomson

RÉSUMÉ

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EDUCATION

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, Columbia, Mo. — **Doctor of Philosophy, Journalism** (*May 2018*)

- › Studied visual communication and the psychology of media production.
- › Served as a research assistant to Margaret Duffy, strategic communication area faculty chair and Mojo Ad CEO, and Keith Greenwood, associate professor of journalism and photojournalism studies

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, Columbia, Mo. — **Master of Arts, Journalism** (*July 2015*)

- › Researched subject-photographer interface and how context is altered in the image creation process
- › Mentored a 13-member team of staff photojournalists in both individual and group settings as they honed their visual journalism skills while providing assets for the *Missourian* community newspaper and *VOX* magazine

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE, Chadron, Neb. — **Bachelor of Arts, Communication Arts** (*May 2013*)

- › Graduated magna cum laude
- › Achieved the Communication Department's outstanding graduate honor
- › Founded an annual student magazine and oversaw a team of 8 editors to lead the college's award-winning student newspaper
- › Served as co-principal researcher for a study about social media and the 2012 U.S. presidential election and another about how Twitter users expressed grief on social media following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting

EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, Columbia, Mo. — **Graduate research assistant** (*August 2013 — present*)

- › Managed visual communication for Religion News Service, an international wire and online news site
- › Developed marketing and branding efforts for several organizations, including the Center on Religion & the Professions

QUICKFIRE NETWORKS, San Diego, Calif. — **Marketing and design consultant** (*January 2013 — January 2015*)

- › Collaborated with the projects manager and vice president of marketing to conceptualize and develop marketing and advertising plans for their telecommunications products

MILE HIGH NEWSPAPERS, INC., Golden, Colo. — **Photojournalist** (*May 2012 — May 2013*)

- › Produced visuals for a Colorado conglomerate that owns more than 8 community newspapers in the Denver-metro region

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD., Omaha, Neb. — **Freelance photojournalist** (*August — September 2012*)

- › Worked on special assignment with the Omaha World-Herald's photo department to provide content for a series of wildfires that struck northwest Nebraska during the fall of 2012

COLORADO ACADEMY, Denver — **Photographer and media coordinator** (*June 2010 — August 2012*)

- › Produced documentary photography of programs at Colorado Academy, Denver's top college preparatory private school
- › Designed and maintained a website for the program and created and edited a weekly newsletter

AWARDS + RECOGNITION

ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS — National finalist, spot news picture (*October 2013*)

ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS — National finalist, advertisement design (*October 2013*)

GREAT PLAINS JOURNALISM AWARDS — Student photographer of the year (*May 2013*)

BLUE KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY — Lifetime membership (*Inducted October 2011*)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, Mizzou NLGJA (founding member), National Press Photographers Association and American Society of Media Photographers