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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Representative Niki Tsongas (MA-3)

Director of Communications

- Develop coordinated communications and media strategy for a United States Congresswoman
- Responsible for proactive outreach to constituents and local, national, international media
- Serve as the Congresswoman's official spokesperson
- Write speeches, press releases, press advisories, formal statements, opinion pieces, etc.
- Oversee and implement the office's digital media strategy: website, e-newsletter, social media
- Coordinate, organize and execute public appearances, events and news conferences
- Manage full-time press intern

Washington, DC

August 2012-Present

Middlesex Sheriff's Office

Public Information Officer

- Liaison with local, regional and national news media as official spokesperson
- Handle all communications, including sensitive information and provide briefings to Administrative Staff
- Write speeches, news releases, formal statements, articles regarding the Office and criminal justice system
- Coordinate, organize and execute public appearances, events and news conferences
- Design, write and create publications, graphics and video for public dissemination, website and in-house use
- Manage Assistant Public Information Officer and intern staff; PIO Department budget and outside vendors
- Responsible for all photography, website development and social media

Medford, MA

February 2006-May 2012

Cape Cod Times

Washington Correspondent (Intern)

- Reported on Congress, federal agencies, and other events occurring in Washington, DC with emphasis on impact for readers on Cape Cod and the Islands

Washington, DC

September 2005-December 2005

USA Today

Intern

- Wrote, reported and generated story ideas for a leading national and international newspaper
- Researched and fact-checked articles for editors and staff reporters using online research, academic databases, and communications with sources; Election night staff and *Life in Iraq* contributor

McLean, VA

September 2005-December 2005

EDUCATION

Boston University

M.S. in Journalism, Washington Journalism Program

Boston, MA

January 2006

Providence College

B.A. in English, B.A. in Psychology, Liberal Arts Honors Program

Providence, RI

May 2004

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Freelance writer

For full list of published works please visit www.mikehartigan.com

- Destinations Travel Magazine – monthly contributor
- Gatehouse Media newspapers – monthly travel columnist

February 2013-Present

January 2012-Present

Massachusetts Remembers 9/11 (The Rendon Group)

Team Captain - Press Operations

Boston, MA

September 2011

Gary Christenson for Mayor Campaign (Elected)

Communications/Speechwriter; Web & Literature Design

Malden, MA

August 2010–November 2011

OTHER SKILLS

- Advanced training and proficiency in: Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver Web Design, InDesign, Illustrator, Flash, Premiere Pro Video Editing; Photography; Media Relations Training, Washington, DC
- Proficiency in: Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, Internet and Social Media tools