

BENJAMIN SUNG HENRY

EDUCATION

Candidate, Master's of Public Administration, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- Expected graduation: June 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, HI, May 2000

- Graduated Cum Laude, with 3.6 cumulative grade point average, 3.8 GPA in major.

High School Diploma, Damien Memorial High School, Honolulu, HI, May 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President, University of Washington Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), June 2010-present

- Elected by the Senate to oversee graduate student representation on University committees and represent GPSS to the Washington State Legislature. Vice presidential duties also include:
 - Assuming the duties of the President in the President's absence.
 - Initiating and overseeing the process of enacting a GPSS Legislative Agenda.
 - Serving on the GPSS Executive Committee, ASUW Legislative Steering Committee and the Washington Student Association (WSA) Board of Directors.
 - Serving as the GPSS representative to the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) and the Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE).
 - Directly supervising the Legislative Assistant and Policy Analyst.

Fellow, Washington state Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) and the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation (ACLF), January-May 2010

- Co-authored "The State of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Washington," a population demographics analysis and public policy recommendations report that CAPAA presented to the Governor and Legislature.
- Authored CAPAA's "Legislative Session Review 2010," documenting tracked Washington state bills relevant to the Asian and Pacific Islander community.
- Formatted CAPAA's 2009-2015 Strategic Plan document.
- Researched policy, tracked legislation, reported on committee hearings and authored bill summaries.

Social Media Intern, Office of King County Councilmember Julia Patterson, January 2010-March 2010

- Researched, developed and implemented social media strategies and recommendations for Councilmember Patterson. Also monitored news stories and developed analysis of overall media strategy and drafted constituent responses.

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Chair, Steering Committee, Symposium of Public Affairs Research, January-October 2010

- Lead facilitator and organizer of student group that created and organized the Evans School's inaugural research symposium, which features presentations and displays of public affairs research.

Senator, University of Washington Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), October 2009-May 2010

- One of two representatives elected by the Evans School's approximately 300 MPA students. The Senate identifies and discusses issues affecting the graduate and professional student body at UW, elects the four officers and all internal GPSS committees, approves the annual budget, votes on resolutions and gives general guidance to the officers and Executive committee on various issues.
 - Delegate, Students Advocates for Graduate Education, a national graduate student coalition comprised of flagship public universities.
 - Senator, GPSS representative to the Associated Students of the University of Washington.
 - Member, GPSS Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee.
 - Member, GPSS Husky Principles Committee.
 - Participant, Washington Student Association's Grass-Roots Organizing Workshop (GROW).
- GPSS representative, UW Board of Publications. The student-run board oversees UW publications, including UW student newspaper The Daily, reviewing finances and operations, and appointing the student leadership positions of Editor-in-Chief and Ad Manager.

Executive Council member, Evans School Student Organization (ESO), October 2009-present

- ESO serves as the liaison between the Evans School student body and the faculty and administration, and representatives play a key role in developing curriculum, hiring faculty members, shaping academic policies, evaluating courses and professors, and setting degree requirements.
 - Program Leader, UW Higher Education Advocacy Day. Organized the Evans School to participate in a lobbying day in Olympia, focused on higher-education and financial aid funding. Efforts led to an approximately 700% increase in Evans School student attendance compared to participation by the entire UW graduate school from the previous year.
 - Team Leader, UW Higher Education Advocacy Day. Led group of students as facilitator in lobbying meetings with lawmakers.

The Kitsap (Wa.) Sun, daily newspaper (circulation about 32,000), full time, April 2007-August 2009

- Production Editor
 - A1 Page Producer: As visual content architect, directs design vision of newspaper's front page, managing on a given night other elements of the production process, from photography to reporting to copy editing to headline writing, to put out a clean and appealing cover.
 - Nation/World Wire Editor: Sets editorial budget, determining which wire stories will be run and with what prominence; culls the news wire for relevant material; designs and produces section.
 - Sports and Features Page Producer: Visual content architect.

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- Online Designer: Pioneered integration of Presentation Desk with Online Department, training print designers to produce customized Web content designs.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin, daily newspaper (circulation about 66,000), June 1999-April 2007

- Production Editor
 - A1 Page Producer and Copy Editor, July 2004-April 2007.
 - Lead Architect, Sunday A1 centerpieces, May 2005-April 2007.
 - Lead Page Producer, weekly Travel section, November 2004-May 2005.
 - Lead Page Producer, Sports Department, December 2000-July 2004.
 - Freelance Writer and Clerk, June-September 1999.
- Member of ethics committee, which drafted Code of Ethics. Authored section on plagiarism.

Grim Smiley Music LLC, April 2007-present

- Founder and President of promotions and audio development company specializing in the marketing of musical entertainment, with a focus on online brand proliferation and a grass-roots, face-to-face marketing strategy.
- Producer and Audio Engineer.

The 4,000 Holes Artists Cooperative, September 2009-present

- Founder and President of the cooperative of Seattle musicians and artists, which utilizes the spirit of collaboration to further the collective good of participating members.

eNewsHawaii.com, November 1999-June 2000

- Editor
 - Responsible for overall editorial content, overseeing production of daily news reports for ground-breaking exclusively online news source, the first of its kind in the state of Hawaii.
 - Managed three full-time employees and two dozen freelance contributors and columnists.

Windward Oahu (Hawaii) News, monthly newspaper (circulation about 20,000), September 1997-October 1999

- Editor
 - Responsible for editorial content of monthly community newspaper.
 - Managed a dozen freelance contributors and columnists.

The Honolulu Advertiser, daily newspaper (circulation then about 110,000), January-June 1999

- Contributing Writer.

Intern, KHON News (Fox affiliate), Honolulu, Fall 1997

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Kalamalama, Hawaii Pacific University student newspaper, September 1996-May 1999

- Associate Editor in Chief, August 1998-May 1999
- Sports Editor, 1996-98

SKILLS

- Thorough understanding of statistical analysis, budgeting, economic theory, public policy, and the political process. Leadership, political, economic, quantitative, and management expertise.
- Collection, assimilation, analysis, summarization, reflection and communication of information.
- Writing (see portfolio: www.benhenry.com/writing.html) and headline/display-type writing, and proofreading for grammar, style, logic and story cohesion.
- Extensive knowledge of national/international current events and politics.
- Visual design and production, involving the organization of various page elements — from photography to graphics to news copy to headlines — on a tight, nightly deadline.
- Online design and maintenance; multimedia (audio and video).
- Computer proficiency: Fluent in PC and Macintosh, and the following software: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, ImageReady and PageMaker; QuarkXpress; Digidesign Pro Tools, Cakewalk Sonar, Apple Logic and Garageband, and other audio software; Final Cut Express; OpenOffice; Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access and FrontPage; PASW (SPSS) Statistics.
- Typing: 105 WAM.

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Best for small newspapers, Scripps 2009 First Quarter Contest, design/graphics portfolio.
- Third Place, Feature Page Design, 2008 Society of Professional Journalists contest, Northwest Chapter.
- “H-Men” project collaborator, winning second place in the prestigious Best of the West competition for “Words, Editing and Design,” and finishing in the Top 10 for Special Sections in the Associated Press Sports Editor awards.
- First Church Scholarship, awarded by the First United Methodist Church of Honolulu, covering full, four-year tuition at Hawaii Pacific University, 1996. Value: \$32,000.
- Presidential Scholarship, which covered full summer tuition for the Associate Editor in Chief’s position at Kalamalama, 1998-99. Value: \$4,000.
- National Honor Society member, Alpha Chi, Lambda Pi Eta and Phi Sigma.
- Captain and Most Valuable Player, Damien Memorial High School varsity soccer team, 1996.
- Excellence in Newspaper award, Damien Memorial High School, awarded annually to one member of the student newspaper staff, 1996.

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- Interscholastic League of Honolulu varsity football all-league team, Honorable Mention, 1995.

INTERESTS OR HOBBIES

Professional

- American politics, U.S. history.
- Journalism, op-ed writing, creative writing, newspaper design, Web site design.

Extracurricular

- Songwriting, guitar, vocals, audio production.
- Participatory Athletics: Soccer, football, basketball, racquetball, running, bicycling, swimming.

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

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