

# MARK CODDINGTON

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## EXPERIENCE

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**Regional Reporter**, *The Independent*, Grand Island, Neb., August 2006 - present

- Cover a 16-county region of central Nebraska, along with energy issues and general assignments
- Work with editors on Web-first publishing of stories and developing online reader interaction
- Write breaking and in-depth stories on education, government, agriculture, business and crime
- Earned six Nebraska Press Association awards and one Nebraska AP award from 2007-09

**Dow Jones Copy Editing Intern**, *The Buffalo News*, Buffalo, N.Y., June 2006 - August 2006

- Edited local news and wire stories for style, grammar, flow and factual accuracy
- Wrote eye-catching headlines and cutlines on tight deadlines
- Named 2006 Ed Traves Scholar for excellence during training session at Temple University

**Associate/Managing Editor**, *The Wheaton Record*, Wheaton, Ill., August 2004 - May 2005,  
January 2006 - May 2006

- Directed copy editors in story revision for the campus newspaper
- Assisted in reporting news and feature stories
- Created headlines and assisted in direction of newspaper layout and layout and organization

**Staff Reporter**, *Daily Nebraskan*, Lincoln, Neb., August 2005 - December 2005

- Covered spot news and in-depth stories
- Worked with editors to create fresh story angles
- Awarded the Best News Feature of Fall 2005 by the Student Publications Board

## EDUCATION

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B.A. Communication, Emphasis in Media Studies, May 2006

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

- GPA 3.96/4.0
- Awarded the National Communication Association's best student-authored paper, November 2005
- Studied at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications, August 2005 - December 2005
- Attended the Summer Institute of Journalism in Washington, D.C., May 2005 - June 2005
- National Merit Scholar, 2002 - 2005

## ADDITIONAL ABILITIES

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- Proficient in AP Style
- Computer skills: Blogging, Wordpress, Audacity, Adobe Photoshop, NewsEditProIQue, APT Falcon, Microsoft Office, digital photography, social media

**References available upon request**