

# SARAH J. BURTON

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**EDUCATION:** **Master of Arts in Media Studies 2010**  
**AND SKILLS** **Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science 2010**  
Minors in Economics and International Studies

- SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE - THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
- Overall GPA: 3.75
- Thesis Title: *"More Than Entertainment": The Role of Satirical News in Deliberation, Dissent, and Democracy*
  - Created interactive component to thesis on website
- Studied Abroad at Trinity College Dublin *SPRING 2009*
- Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate Program in Media Studies *SPRING 2009*
- Computer Knowledge: Audition, ProTools, Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, ENPS, Dreamweaver, HTML Coding, InfoTracker/Google Analytics, TextMate, Prezi.

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**EXPERIENCE:** **Assistant Editor** at WTOP news radio in Washington, DC *SUMMER 2008*

- Wrote stories for the radio and website
- Researched breaking news and organized interviews
- Edited sound and worked in Operations

**Video Blogger** for IES Abroad in Dublin, Ireland *SPRING 2009*

**XHTML Coder** at Penn State Office of Internet Communications *FALL 2010*

- Coded Research articles for new website
- Engaged in Search Engine Optimization; created personas for website
- Researched and recommended site improvements based on analytics

**Digital Production Intern** at Comedy Central in New York *SUMMER 2010*

**Legal Journal Editor** at Delaware County Bar Association, PA *SUMMER 2009*

**PSU Teacher Assistant (TA)** for Macroeconomics *Fall 2009 – SPRING 2010*

**PSU Teacher Assistant (TA)** for Political Science: Civil Liberties *FALL 2010*

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**COURSEWORK:** **Advanced Radio News with Sarah Koenig** *FALL 2010*  
**Public Affairs Reporting** *FALL 2010*

- Built and updated Centre Report Website

**ACTIVITIES:** **Vice President**, Full Ammo Improv Troupe *SINCE FALL 2006*

- Hour-long comedy shows every other Sunday
- Performed in Del Close Improv Marathon, NY *SUMMER 2008/2009/2010*
- Organized and Hosted First Ever PSU Improv Marathon *JAN. 2010/2011*

**Secretary/Performer/Director**, No Refund Theatre (NRT) *SINCE FALL 2006*

- Directed or acted in a total of 14 performances
- Scheduled and reserved rehearsal space weekly *FALL 2007-FALL 2008*
- Served as a liaison between NRT and Penn State Staff *2007-FALL 2008*

**HONORS:**

- **Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Honor Society** *SINCE SPRING 2009*
- **Member of Phi Kappa Phi, Honor Society** *SINCE FALL 2008*
- **Member of Kappa Tau Alpha, Journalism Honor Society** *SINCE SPRING 2008*
- **Scholar**, Schreyer Honors College *SINCE FALL 2006*
- **Recipient**, 2006-2007 Dean's Excellence Scholarship; 2007-2008 Penn State Sigma Delta Chi Journalism Award; 2009 Bolze Study Abroad Liberal Arts Scholarship; 2009-2010 Evelyn Y. Davis Scholarship; 2010 James Wiggins and Christine Fleming Honors Scholarship
- **Dean's List:** *FALL 2006 – SPRING 2010*

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**REFERENCES:**

- **Professor Martin Halstuk**, Thesis Advisor, [halstuk@psu.edu](mailto:halstuk@psu.edu), (814)8637990
- **Professor Ken Lehrman**, Civil Liberties Professor, [kfl2@psu.edu](mailto:kfl2@psu.edu), (814)8637799
- **Mike McMearty**, WTOP News Director, [mmcmearty@wtop.com](mailto:mmcmearty@wtop.com), (202)8955060