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## Professional Experience:

**KPAX TV**

**Missoula, MT**

**Meteorologist**

April 2011 – Present

- Create graphics and maps using WSI for morning newscasts
- Forecast many different microclimates throughout the viewing area
- Field anchor live weather segments during special events
- Connect with viewers in the community through social media such as Twitter and facebook

**Reporter**

- Cover environmental and weather related stories in Western Montana
- Conduct in-person interviews related to story topics
- Write informative and meaningful story scripts to give viewers timely and accurate information
- Edit video and voice tracks for stories to air in daily newscast
- Provide live coverage of late breaking stories

**WIS TV News 10**

**Columbia, SC**

**Assignment Editor**

October 2007 – December 2010

- Manage news crews for four 30 minute newscasts for the #1 ranked television station in the 79<sup>th</sup> media market in the country
- Interview local, state and emergency officials on breaking news stories that were relevant to the local community
- Write and transcribe news stories and post them to the website
- Coordinate the operations of a news room
- Communicate with corporate, local, state and national public information offices
- Balance resources of the news room to effectively cover daily news
- Work closely with producers to write stories for daily newscasts and special segments such as “Football Friday Night”; edited video, packages or other show content when needed.

**Weather Anchor (WIS)**

December 2008 – March 2010

- Create graphics, maps and complete weather data for Saturday morning newscasts
- Assist Chief Meteorologist with developing graphics and accurate forecasts for the viewing area (10 counties)
- Substitute for other meteorologists when needed
- Oversee weather website content when on-shift; uploaded complete on-air forecast for website

**Carolina News (University of South Carolina)**

Senior Semester, Daily Student newscast (rotated daily positions)

January 2008 – May 2008

- Forecast, create graphics and anchor weather segment for live 30 minute newscast

- Write, shoot, edit and report on breaking and enterprising news stories
- Anchor daily live 30 minute newscast
- Edit segments using linear and non-linear editing systems
- Produce stories for the web using World Now

### **Education:**

**Mississippi State University**

August 2011

Certificate of Broadcast Meteorology

**University of South Carolina**

May 2008

Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communications with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism

**Studied abroad in Paderno del Grappa Italy**

January – April 2007

- Rapport Leadership International: Leadership Breakthrough I – Certificate of Completion
- Kepner Tregoe: Business Problem Solving and Decision Making Training
- Learn, Enrich, Achieve, Perform (LEAP) program participant

### **Skills/ Abilities:**

- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office; AP/ENPS news software; WeatherCentral, WSI, Edius, Precis, Velocity, World News Now, tape to tape editing
- Trained on Broadcast cameras
- Social media savvy: [twitter.com/chrissykohler](https://twitter.com/chrissykohler), [facebook.com/chrissykohler408](https://facebook.com/chrissykohler408), [youtube.com/wxchick408](https://youtube.com/wxchick408)
- Member of news team that was awarded the 2008 Southeastern Regional Emmy for Best Newscast (Saturday, September 19, 2008; Travis Barker and DJ AM plane crash)
- Energetic, self-motivated, creative planner
- Dedicated, loyal, self-sacrificing team player
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Public interaction and communication skills
- Member: National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Kappa Kappa Gamma National Sorority