

# LUKE FURMAN

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## **EXPERIENCE** *The Post Athens. Reporter, Columnist. August 2014 - Present*

I have developed the agency and self-reliability to excel at a digitally-forward publication. Pitching stories, sourcing, structuring information and visualizing design are all processes that have become tried and true in my work. In addition to my articles and columns at *The Post*, several mentors from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism have given me invaluable career knowledge and helped me to steer my course in unthought-of directions. Both of these resources provided me with the skills and mindset to create impactful copy.

## **HONORS** **ONA Collegiate Competition - 1st Place in Opinion Writing. February 2017** **Marc and Lila Rosenweig Scholarship Winner. April 2014**

## **EDUCATION** **Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism** Expected Graduation: Spring 2018 Candidate for BSJ

### **SKILLS** **Reporting**

My primary areas of coverage are music and culture. In the past, I have written more news-based content focusing mostly on health and student life. I am comfortable with handling profiles, features, event previews, event coverage and breaking news.

### **Editing**

I am adept at AP Style, the rules of grammar, deciphering complex material, reworking sentence construction and navigating the clearest routes to audience comprehension. I have spent two semesters copy editing at *The Post* and have a strong passion for the clarity and beauty of language. I am currently enrolled in an editing class exclusive to junior and seniors.

### **Column Writing**

My greatest strides in writing are owed to my award-winning music column called *Amplified Observations*. Being tasked to hold an audience's attention each week is not a question one quickly resolves. However, as I pressed on through five semesters of writing about music, I feel that I now have the ability to express my opinions in a concise and intriguing approach.

### **Social Media Curation**

I have two years of experience scheduling tweets in Tweetdeck for *The Post*. In doing so, I discovered creative ways to present news and opinion content to an online audience. Like column writing, this task allowed me to analyze and interact with an audience.

### **Spanish**

I studied Spanish for five years and worked to achieve the advanced understanding of the language I hold now. I will graduate with a minor in the field. Speaking Spanish allows me to communicate with twice as many people in the world. I have also gained an understanding of the language's literature and culture.

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