

# Chris Kieffer

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oxford (Miss.) Eagle** *Assistant sports editor* Feb. 2006-Aug. 2008  
Drastically expanded the paper's college baseball coverage. Was also a beat reporter for general news in nearby Water Valley, Miss. Big stories included a University of Mississippi football player suing the school to gain eligibility, Water Valley voting to legalize beer sales and an analysis of the local impact of hosting college baseball regionals. Updated the paper's Web site, took pictures and paginated on top of covering local high school and college sports. Regularly worked 70-plus hour weeks.
- Birmingham (Ala.) News** *Sports intern* Aug. 2005-Feb. 2006  
Beat reporter for three local high schools. Broke stories about nationally ranked Hoover High School football team, including one about its coach nearly taking another job. Also broke several items in month-long daily college football recruiting notebook. Assisted in coverage of college football and general sports news.
- The Daily Mississippian** (Univ. of Mississippi student newspaper) Sept. 2001-May 2005  
Averaged at least eight stories a week during four years covering sports. Expanded the paper's college baseball coverage. Spent 2003-04 school year as sports editor.
- Sports Illustrated on Campus** *Ole Miss correspondent* Aug. 2004-May 2005  
Provided story ideas and filed assignments about Ole Miss athletics.
- New Orleans Zephyrs** (Minor league baseball team) *Media relations intern* May 2002-Aug. 2002  
Wrote the Associated Press feed and updated the team Web site for each home game.
- Times Picayune** (New Orleans) *High school intern* June 2001-July 2001  
Wrote stories for and designed newspaper produced by the interns. Also shadowed reporters at the paper.

## EDUCATION

- M.S., Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism** (New York) Expected graduation May 2009  
Did multimedia reporting for school Web sites covering presidential election and economic downturn. Master's project is Web site examining powerhouse prep basketball team in low-income N.Y. suburb. Major coursework includes business reporting, multimedia storytelling and sports reporting.
- University of Mississippi** (Oxford, Miss.) Received B.A. in journalism, May 2005  
Also graduated from the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and was Magna Cum Laude. Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Completed 117-page thesis analyzing the history of professional baseball in New Orleans. Entered school as a National Merit Finalist.

## AWARDS

Include three first-places from the Mississippi Press Association and the APME of Louisiana and Mississippi

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient with Final Cut Pro, Pro Tools, Audacity, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe InDesign and Quark Xpres. Some experience with CSS and Adobe Flash.

## REFERENCES

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