

# Dennis Moran

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## GOAL

I wish to apply my strong and varied writing, editing, research, interpersonal and design skills to work that matters to people.

## EXPERIENCE

**Freelance writer/editor** 5/2014 present

**Sports writer and designer, Santa Barbara News-Press, Santa Barbara, CA**  
**6/17-12/18**

Covered local college and high school sports, as well as outdoor recreation, for Santa Barbara County. I also designed the sports section once a week and placed stories on the newspaper's webpage.

**Senior reporter, Moline Dispatch Publishing Co., Moline, IL** 9/15-6/17

Covered local and state politics and elections; also general assignments and news features. Also filed in to design pages, compile news budgets and send stories to the web.

**Part-time reporter, North Scott Press, Eldridge, IA** 1/15 5/15

**Senior writer/editor for Geography and World Cultures, ABC-CLIO; Santa Barbara, CA** 3/2009 5/2014

Provided content for US and World Geography websites used in U.S. high schools and universities; researched and wrote reference entries and essays; formulated and completed critical thinking projects and lesson plans; helped ensure curriculum compatibility; constantly updated country information; researched and wrote talking points for teacher-narrated videos; engaged in marketing projects.

**Sports writer and designer, Santa Barbara News-Press; Santa Barbara, CA** 9/2005 8/2008

Covered a variety of sports beats, including UC-Santa Barbara women's basketball, sailing and professional tennis; also edited stories and designed pages, including many section fronts.

**Staff writer and copy editor, Monterey Herald; Monterey, CA    3/2001 9/2005**

Covered Monterey County water and environmental issues and local government; wrote features; also worked on the copy desk as an editor and page designer.

**Chief copy editor/ass't news editor, Prague Post; Czech Republic    11/1996 10/2000**

Helped direct news coverage; mentored young Czech reporters; wrote stories and columns on the country's post-communist economic and political transformation; as chief copy editor oversaw quality control and deadline obligations and supervised a small staff.

**Staff writer, Daily Dispatch and Rock Island Argus; Moline, IL    8/1988 5/1996**

Covered local government, county and state politics, schools, business and courts.

## **EDUCATION**

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale — B.A. in 1981. Major: English

## **THEATER**

Theater training and experience have helped me develop invaluable communication skills, self-confidence and self-awareness. I took 18 credit hours of theater classes in college, and over the years since have acted in about 30 plays and directed two. I have also participated in workshops and classes on improv and oral storytelling.

## **REFERENCES**

John Beydler, former longtime Metro Editor with the Moline Dispatch Publishing Co., 563-570-2319

Laura Coffey, Senior Writer, Editor, and Producer at [TODAY.com](http://TODAY.com) and former Managing Editor of the Prague Post, 206-448-8050

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