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Broadcast Career Experience:

Assistant Managing Editor, Rivet Smart Audio. Nov. 2017-present. Oversee newsroom operations for smartphone app, online and smart speaker-based content creation.

News Anchor/Reporter WGN-AM, Chicago. 1997-2006, 2011-present. Write, produce and perform newscasts and spot news coverage for top-5 rated news/talk radio station.

Executive Producer, Green Sense Radio. 2010-present. Write, produce, edit, and coach talent for nationally syndicated environmental public affairs program heard on 37 stations including all large and major markets.

News Anchor/Reporter Rivet News Radio. 2013-2016. Wrote, produced, voiced news stories, interviews and creative features for app-based news delivery system.

Adjunct Faculty, Columbia College Chicago. 2008-2012. Taught undergraduate courses including "Writing for Radio," "The Radio Producer" and "Zen in the Art of Radio" (a course of my own design).

Executive Producer, "The Ramsey Lewis Morning Show" WNUA-FM, Chicago/The Smooth Jazz Network. 1997-2009. Generated all content, coached talent for a nationally syndicated morning drive radio program, top-10 rated in the Chicago market.

Producer/Writer, "The Legends of Jazz with Ramsey Lewis" United Stations Radio Network. 2004-2009. Researched and wrote scripts and interviews for a syndicated traditional jazz program, heard on more than 50 markets in the United States, the UK and Japan.

Producer, WGN-AM, Chicago. 1994-1997. Generated program topics, arranged interviews, screened on-air listener phone calls for daily talk shows, Chicago Cubs pre-game and Chicago Bears Game and Post-Game broadcasts.

Education: Marquette University, 1994; Bachelor of Arts, College of Broadcast & Electronic Communication.