### TRAER SCHON

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#### Walker Sands | Chicago, IL

Copywriter (Feb. '21-Present)

- Collaborate with design and branding teams to brainstorm and execute creative campaigns Senior Content Specialist (Oct. '19-Feb. '21)
- · Leverage SEO analysis in content that elevates client SERP rankings for targeted keywords
- Strategize by channel to exceed social media engagement and lead-generation goals

Content Specialist (Oct. '18-Oct. '19)

- Wrote digital assets for B2B tech clients (web pages, social posts, tip sheets and data reports)
- · Interviewed experts and crafted articles for top-tier publications and industry-specific outlets

#### bluespace creative | Denison, IA

Copywriter (*Oct.* '17-*Oct.* '18)

- · Wrote marketing collateral, press releases and web pages for clients across industries
- Created multi-platform social media content in companies' unique voices
- · Worked with teams to conduct brand assessments and build marketing strategies

#### Billboard magazine | Remote

Freelance Writer (Apr. – Jul. '17)

- Contributed short-form and Q&A stories for Billboard's inaugural "30 Days of Pride" project
- · Collaborated with editor to identify story angles and communicate with publicists

#### Ethos magazine | Ames, IA

Editor in Chief (Apr. '14-May '17)

- Curated, assigned and edited stories for a tri-annual student magazine
- Hired executive staff, recruited new members and maintained publisher relationship

#### Iowa State University Athletics Department | Ames, IA

"Cy" Mascot Squad Member (Aug. '13-May '17)

- Developed techniques to engage crowds at athletic and community events
- As captain, organized team meetings and managed Cy's social media channels

#### **Iowa State University**

B.S. Journalism and Mass Communication (Summa Cum Laude, with honors)

- GPA: 3.97, Spanish minor, Costa Rica study abroad experience
- Comedy, humor and entertainment writing
- Editing, copywriting and AP style
- Creative campaign ideation and execution
- SEO and social media writing

## SKILLS SUMMARY

**EDUCATION** 

**WORK EXPERIENCE** 

- 2020 Hermes Creative Gold Award
- · Google Analytics certification
- iO Improv Training Program graduate

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