

# James McKenzie

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## Education

Double major Bachelor of Arts in Art & Design and Journalism with emphases on Visual Communication and Photography.

*Iowa State University*  
Cumulative GPA: 3.70/4.0

2000–2004  
Degree received: August 2004

## Work Experience

*Massive Imageworks, St. Louis, Missouri*  
*Freelance Photographer/Designer*

July 2005–present

- Shot periodic assignments on deadline for St. Louis Post–Dispatch
- Designed logo identities for Wickid Ultimate of St. Louis
- Began work as a photo assistant for local commercial photo studios

*Iowa Information Publications, Sheldon, Iowa*  
*Photographer*

May 2004–June 2005

- Produced news, sports and feature photos for weekly newspapers The N'West Iowa REVIEW and Sheldon Mail–Sun
- Produced images featuring homes and lifestyles in the Iowa Great Lakes area for OKOBOJI magazine
- Produced images to accompany arts and entertainment articles for DISCOVER! magazine
- Produced images for advertising clients for Iowa Information Publications
- Wrote occasional feature pieces for the REVIEW, called “rewinds,” after interviewing people featured in photos from 15 years ago

*Ethos Magazine, Ames, Iowa*  
*Director of Photography*  
*Photo Editor*  
*Photographer*

October 2003–May 2004  
August 2003–October 2003  
November 2002–May 2004

- Directed duties and assignments for photographers
- Participated in meetings for issue planning and development
- Shot/edited photographs for feature stories

*Iowa State Daily Newspaper, Ames, Iowa*  
*Staff Writer*  
*Photographer*

January 2003–May 2004  
December 2002–May 2004

- Reported and wrote news and A&E stories and CD/event reviews
- Shot/edited photographs for news and feature stories, wrote cutlines

*University of Iowa Wildlife Camps, Iowa City, Iowa*  
*Counselor/Bus Driver*

Summer 2002–2003

- Taught outdoors skills and conservation techniques to groups of 5–12-year-olds

*City of Iowa City Recreation Division, Iowa City, Iowa*  
*Youth Leader*

Summer 2001–2003

- Organized and led activities with 10–30 children

## **Honors/Organizations**

- 2nd Place, Best News Photo, Iowa Newspaper Association Awards February 2005
- 2nd Place, Best Photo, Iowa CMA Annual Convention February 2004
- Studies in Creativity Juried Art Exhibition October 2003
- Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society 2002–2004
- Boy Scouts of America Eagle Award December 2001
- Iowa State University Dean's list 2000–2004
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society 2000–2004
- Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society 2000–2004
- National Honors Society

## **Interests**

- music
- literature
- art
- computers/technology
- photography
- ultimate frisbee™
- the outdoors

## **Skills**

- Experienced user of Canon SLR cameras and manual SLRs
- Experience in photo color correction for print
- Experience in news, portrait, outdoor, sports and studio photography
- Knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, GoLive, Illustrator, 3D Max Studio 5, Quark XPress, Macromedia Flash, Macromedia Dreamweaver
- Skills/training in design. Experience in design for web and print
- Proficient in B&W darkroom techniques
- Skills with computers. I've been working with Windows- and Mac-based computers for over a decade. I have lots of experience troubleshooting machines, especially running Windows XP and Mac OSX

## References

- Dan Ross, *Photographer, Iowa Information Publications*  
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