

Caroline Phaneuf

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Brings solid experience in journalism and public relations with strong bilingual communication and organizational skills. Innovative and resourceful with ability to analyze and solve problems, take decisions and “make things happen.” Insightful, empathetic, disciplined, diplomatic and committed to excellence. MA in Political Science and BA in Journalism and Political Science.

CAREER TRACK

TELEVISION REPORTER/WRITER 2003 - Present
CTV Television Inc., Montreal

Researches a given story, conducts interviews, writes and compiles the report incorporating interviews and tapes a “stand-up” for daily news.

- At ease in front of a camera despite many possible distractions.
- Strong interview skills.
- Ability to get the crux of the story quickly and present it coherently and concisely.

NEWS ANCHOR 1999 - Present
CJAD 800 AM, Mix 96 (CJFM 95.9 FM), Montreal

Researches, writes, edits and anchors two- to seven-minute newscasts every half-hour. Responsible for news gathering by continuously keeping up-to-date on local, national and international developments and assigning reporters to breaking news stories.

- Presents live newscasts authoritatively, even during stressful, emotional and rapidly-changing stories such as the September 11th terror attacks, riots at the Summit of the Americas and former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau’s death.
- Sets high standard for keeping up-to-date on local stories and conducting interviews with newsmakers by phone while preparing half-hourly newscasts.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT Summer 2002
Canadian Embassy, Beijing, China

Researched, analysed and wrote reports on national and international issues concerning China for distribution to Canadian foreign affairs officials. Prepared questions for and attended meetings between Canadian diplomats and diplomats from other embassies, Chinese government officials and the Western media.

T.V. PANELIST Winter/Spring 2002
“Let’s Talk Sex,” Groupe Fair Play for Men TV

Discussed two seasons worth of sex and relationship issues with two other panellists and a sex therapist.

T.V. NEWS RESEARCH ASSISTANT 2002
Global TV Quebec, Montreal

- Found interviewees for news and feature reports, deciding who to call, and doing pre-interviews
- Conducted interviews for feature reports

REPORTER

1998 - 2000

CJAD 800 AM, Mix 96 (CJFM 95.9 FM), Montreal

Self-assigned stories to report in Montreal-area: prioritized, decided story angle, interviewees and questions. Researched and single-handedly pinpointed key elements of story and wrote, edited and delivered report, at times within minutes.

- Set precedent of covering more stories per day, and having new story or angle every hour.
- Produced award-winning investigative report into guards' mistreatment of prisoners' visiting families at penitentiaries, as well as an investigation into security at Canada's borders.

CORRESPONDENT

1998 - 2000

CTV NewsNet (TV), Toronto • CBS News (Radio), New York • ICRT (Radio), Taipei, Taiwan • 1130 News (Radio), Vancouver

Covered stories of national/international interest, quickly re-organizing report into angle desired.

- Excelled at meeting conflicting demands from several newsrooms, with poise and authority.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1999

The Columbia Group, Montreal

- Interviewed participants at "Forum des gens d'affaires francophones du Canada" in New Brunswick for its official web-site. Recorded interviews in English and French, edited audio clips and wrote stories on participants for use on web-site.
- Conducted interviews and directed crew for Canadian government video in Val-d'Or.
- Researched background information on Governor General Adrienne Clarkson for use by CBC/SRC anchors during televised installation ceremony.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE

McGill University, Montreal - 2003

Concentration: Developing Countries, GPA: 3.73

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND JOURNALISM, *cum laude*

Concordia University, Montreal - 2000, last annual GPA 3.68

Worked full-time throughout CEGEP and university.

AWARDS

Academic excellence • Mix 96 – Nick Auf der Maur Scholarship

Highest GPA in Concordia University journalism program with interest in radio broadcasting.

Investigative Journalism • Mix 96 – Nick Auf der Maur Bursary

Five-part investigation into guards' mistreatment of inmates and their visiting families at penitentiaries.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and French • Conversant in Mandarin and Spanish

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Acting school and lead in high school play • 10 years of dance classes • Travel • Skiing • Team Sports
Volunteer for physically and mentally handicapped children and for the Missing Children's Network