

# Derrik J. Lang

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Senior Editor**, Oct. 2016 to Present

*American Way, Ink Global* – Los Angeles and Miami

- edits, writes, commissions and proofreads stories for *American Way*, American Airlines' in-flight magazine
- manages a team of over 30 freelance writers
- coordinates interviews and photo shoots with celebrities and other high-profile subjects
- collaborates with multiple American Airlines and Ink Global departments to create content that promotes various marketing and social initiatives

**Entertainment Writer-Producer**, Nov. 2007 to Oct. 2016

*The Associated Press* – Los Angeles and New York

- wrote breaking news, reviews and feature stories about entertainment, technology and lifestyles
- guided the AP's coverage of reality TV, video games and genre entertainment
- covered live events such as the Academy Awards, Grammys, Golden Globes, Comic-Con and E3
- produced on-location and in-studio video pieces

**Senior Multimedia Reporter**, Aug. 2005 to Oct. 2007

*The Associated Press* – New York

- created multimedia content for *asap*, the AP's premium multimedia news service aimed at the 18-to-34-year-old audience
- authored the AP's first-ever blog, *The Slug*

**Editorial Assistant**, July 2004 to Aug. 2005

*The Associated Press* – New York

- covered the entertainment industry
- edited celebrity daybook

**Editorial Assistant**, March 2004 to June 2004

*American Artist, VNU Business Media* – New York

- copy edited and wrote two monthly features at the four *American Artist* publications

**Script Supervisor**, Nov. 2003 to Dec. 2003

*Room Raiders, Granada Entertainment* – New York

- coordinated script and story development for multiple episodes of the MTV reality series

**Associate Producer**, June 2003 to Nov. 2003

*Help Wanted, True Entertainment* – New York

- cast and produced multiple episodes of the TLC competition reality series

**Production Assistant**, Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003

*America's Next Top Model, 10x10 Productions* – New York

- provided production support
- assisted in judging segment direction

## AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Magazine Editors
- Society of American Travel Writers
- International Radio and Television Society
- Online News Association
- Society of Professional Journalists
- Florida Scholastic Press Association

## DIGITAL SKILLS

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign
- Facebook
- Final Cut Pro
- Google Suite
- Instagram
- Nexis
- Microsoft Office
- Slack
- Snapchat
- Twitter
- WordPress

## HONORS

- Southern California Journalism Award for Best Entertainment Feature
- EPy Award for Best News Web Site
- Who's Who Award Among College Students
- Tiger Bay Club Pat Lloyd Journalism Scholarship
- University of West Florida Underclassman Leadership Award

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, 2003  
University of West Florida  
Pensacola, FL  
Graduated Cum Laude  
Major: Journalism  
Minor: Art