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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts: Communication

University of Colorado

2006 - 2011

📍 Colorado Springs, CO

SKILLS

- Community Building
- Event Planning
- Team Leadership
- Marketing
- Publicity
- Hospitality
- Event Hosting
- Copywriting
- Google Suites
- Office Suites
- Photoshop
- Canva
- Ticketweb
- Eventbrite
- Toast POS
- Square POS

CERTIFICATIONS

- RBS Alcohol Server certified
- ServSafe Food Handler

WORK EXPERIENCE

Events & Venue work:

- **Good Omen Presents: Founder / Freelance Events and Production** (Jan 2022 - Current): - *Jake Rizzly Comedy Showcase* (Event Producer / Publicist - 2023-2026) · *SF Sketchfest* (Events Team / Hospitality - 2026) · *Sonoma International Film Festival* (House Manager - 2025) · *San Francisco International Film Festival* (Assistant Lounge Manager 2025) · *Bike + Hike 4 Buckelew* (2025) · *AVFest / True West Film Center* (Events Team - 2024) · *BottleRock Music Festival* (Hospitality- 2023)
- **California Film Institute • Mill Valley Film Festival: Venue & Events Manager** - San Rafael, CA (September 2022 - Ongoing)
- **Berkeley Repertory Theater:** Front Of House/Bartender - Berkeley, CA (2025)
- **Blue Note Napa:** Box Office / Hospitality / Production - Napa, CA - (February 2022 - December 2025)
- **Napa Valley Distillery / The Hollywood Room:** Concert Programmer / Events Manager / Publicist - Napa, CA (October 2022 - July 2023)
- **Don't Panic Fest Presents** - Founder / Talent Buyer / Publicist Denver, CO - Freelance Concert And Events Production. Partners: 3 Kings Tavern, Hi-Dive, Bowman's, Ratio Beerworks, Mutiny, Tattered Cover, Denver Comic Con & Sie Film Center- Denver, CO (2013 - 2018)
- **Black Sheep/ Soda Jerk Presents:** Assistant General Manager / Bartender - Colorado Springs, CO (July 2011 - July 2013)
- **Triple Nickel Tavern:** Venue Manager / Talent Buyer / Publicist - Colorado Springs, CO (June 2008 - July 2011)

Service Industry:

- **Mare Island Brewing Company:** Shift Manager / Bartender - Vallejo, CA (May 2025 - Ongoing)
- **Music City Hot Chicken at TRVE Brewing:** Assistant General Manager - Denver, CO (May 2021 - February 2022)
- **Illegal Pete's Burritos:** Bar Manager / Team Trainer - Denver, CO (July 2016 - April 2021)
- **Whole Foods Market:** Front End Supervisor / Team Trainer - Denver, CO (September 2013 - July 2016)

Freelance Writer:

- **Napa Valley Register** (Columns and features writer 2022 - Current) · **New Noise Magazine** (Long form interviews & Video content - 2011 - 2016) · **Vice Magazine / Noisey.com** (Features - 2014-2015) · **Mostly Harmless** (Publisher/Long form interviews - 2002 - Ongoing)

Selected Awards:

- **Best of Napa County 2024** - Hollywood Room: Silver: Best Live Music Venue; Gold: Best Date Night
- **Best of the North Bay 2025** - Jake Rizzly Comedy Showcase: Bohemian - Best Comedy Night Napa
- **Best of Denver 2017:** Don't Panic Fest: *Denver Westword* - Best Punk Fest