

Jason Crane

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SUMMARY

I am a highly skilled communicator with experience in radio, television, newspapers, wire services and school public relations. I have served as the face, voice and content creator for a variety of organizations, including labor unions, radio stations, statewide advocacy groups and local political parties. I have nonprofit management, development and budget experience and have led a staff as large as 30 people. I'm very savvy regarding social media and have created several successful Web sites and podcasts.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Morning Show Host/Assistant Program Director, 98.7 FM The FREQ.** I produce and host a daily morning show, and also book live events, choose music, and manage on-air staff for a AAA station in State College, PA (home of Penn State University).
- **Host/Producer, *The Jazz Session*.** I produce and host an online jazz interview podcast with national and international jazz musicians. The show has seen more than 2.5 million downloads since its inception in 2007. Online at <http://thejazzsession.com>. February 2007 – present.
- **Host/Producer, *First Laughs*.** I produce and host a weekly stand-up comedy podcast based on my work as a comedian, and also featuring interviews with other comedians. February 2015 – present.
- **Manager, Webster's Bookstore Cafe.** I oversaw 25 paid staff, created marketing plans for the bookstore and cafe, booked all the events, worked behind the counter, and managed the store's social media accounts and newsletter. March 2014 – August 2015.
- **Online Content Creator and Webmaster, Auburn University College of Human Sciences.** I wrote stories, shot video, recorded audio and managed all content for the college's website. I also did basic coding and copy editing. December 2012 – June 2013, via Temporary Employment Services.
- **Host/Producer, The Jason Crane Show.** I host a weekly radio show about culture and the arts on WEGE and online at <http://craneshow.com>. February 2012 – present.
- **Freelance Arts Writer.** I write primarily music articles – focusing on jazz – for *The Island Packet* newspaper, the *Hilton Head Monthly* magazine, and *JazzDIY*. January 2007 – present.
- **Executive Director, New York Bicycling Coalition.** Managed a statewide bicycling advocacy organization. June 2010 – November 2010.
- **Communications Specialist, Capital Region BOCES.** Handled public and internal communications for two local school districts, including Web site administration and content creation; newsletter design and content creation; audio, photo and video production; speech writing; media liaison duties. March 2009 – June 2010.
- **Union Representative/Organizer/Organizing Director, UNITE HERE, Rochester Regional Joint Board.** Helped workers build and maintain strong unions in the hotel and food service industries in Rochester, NY, and Albany, NY. September 2005 – March 2009.
- **Talk Show Host, *The Jason Crane Show*,** NewsTalk 950 WROC (Rochester, NY). Produced and hosted a weekly progressive interview show on politics, science and the arts. March 2005 – May 2005.

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- **Station Manager, Afternoon Drive-Time Host at Jazz90.1** (WGMC) in Rochester, NY, the nation's No. 54 market. Managed 30+ paid and volunteer staff members, oversaw fundraising, programming, public relations, educational outreach. Supervised Music Director, Traffic Director, Production Manager, Office Manager. Produced and hosted afternoon drive programming, including music selection, more than 200 live interviews, contests, and giveaways. February 2002 – November 2004.
- **Development Director, Afternoon Drive-Time Host, Jazz90.1** (WGMC). Oversaw fundraising, underwriting. Produced and hosted afternoon drive programming, including music selection, live interviews, contests, and giveaways. November 2001 – February 2002.
- **Operations Producer, WXXI**. Scheduled and recorded satellite audio feeds, produced daily call-in show, operated board, wrote promo copy, wrote and produced weekend interview show, served as fill-in on-air host, pitched during on-air pledge drives. September 2001 – November 2001.
- **Organizer, SEIU** (Concord, NH and Rochester, NY). Helped workers form and strengthen unions in the hospital, nursing home and VA systems in New Hampshire and New York State. July 2000 – September 2001.
- **Copy Editor, Nikkei News Bulletin** (NYC, NY); *The Island Packet* newspaper (Hilton Head Island, SC); **Kyodo News World Service** (Tokyo); *Daily Yomiuri Newspaper* (Tokyo). Various times between January 1997 and June 2000.
- **Saxophonist** (Arizona, New York, Pennsylvania, Japan, South Carolina). Various times between October 1994 and January 2000.
- **Radio Reporter** (Tokyo), **National Public Radio's Morning Edition**. Served as substitute correspondent based in Tokyo. Wrote and delivered stories on stocks, foreign exchange and general business. March 1998 – December 1998 (concurrent with other work).
- **Radio & TV News Writer, Radio Reporter, Copy Editor, Bloomberg Information Television & Radio** (Tokyo). Rewrote copy for radio and TV news stories. Wrote/read Asia news radio reports. January 1997 – June 1997.
- **Radio Host, KUAT** (classical) and **KUAZ** (jazz) (Tucson, Arizona). Announced jazz and classical music. September 1995 – June 1996.

CIVIC ACTIVITY & OTHER CREDITS

- I speak Japanese at an intermediate level
- Published poet – First book, *Unexpected Sunlight*, was published by FootHills Publishing in 2010
- Panelist, Parents Panel, Albany *Times-Union* (January 2008 – January 2009)
- Board Member, New York Bicycling Coalition (March 2008 – March 2009)
- Panel Member, Readers' Advisory Panel on the Environment, *The Democrat & Chronicle* newspaper. (February 2005 – December 2006)
- Board Member, Abundance Cooperative Market (October 2005 – October 2007)
- Announcer, Silver Base Ball Park League. Serve as volunteer announcer for one of the country's premier vintage base ball leagues, based at Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumfordsville, NY. (August 2003 – October 2006)

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