# J. Mike Taylor / Digital Media & Communications Specialist

# **CV / RESUME**

With an education in creative communication and a career in digital delivery, I provide a unique blend of highly creative thinking and technical knowhow. Through crafting creative campaigns, energetic designs, and applying imaginative uses for technology, I can improve the visibility, engagement, and execution of your brand message.

#### Marketing Proficiencies:

- Highly creative with experience in identifying target audiences and devising digital campaigns that engage, inform and motivate.
- Creates / optimizes content and messaging across a variety of mediums.
- Builds, implements, monitors, and reports digital/marketing campaigns, to analyze performance and success.
- Identifies trends and insights, to optimize spend and performance.
- Provides thought leadership and perspective for adoption of new and emerging technologies.
- Executes strategies to drive both offline/online traffic to the web.
- Studies and measures A/B and multivariate experiments.
- Possesses extensive experience in brand management.
- Possesses extensive experience managing web / social analytics.
- Possesses extensive experience with email design, writing, and management.
- Possesses extensive experience meeting deadlines while prioritizing and
- working on multiple projects simultaneously.

#### Web Design and Management:

- Executes website, multimedia, and digital content designs using latest trends.
- Applies best practices for web and social media content.
- Approves and coordinates website content submissions from contributors.
- Possesses extensive experience improving the usability, design, responsiveness, and content of an organization's website.
- Collaborates with internal teams to create landing pages for web searches, emails, social marketing.
- Executes content design that meets Section 508 accessibility guidelines.
- Implements and manages content and layouts for Content Management Systems such as DotNetNuke, Drupal, Joomla, SharePoint, and WordPress.
- Utilizes Google Analytics to identify content with highest engagement.
- Measures and reports performance of digital marketing campaigns using Google Analytics to assess against goals (ROI and KPIs).
- Researches and optimizes ongoing SEO page rank strategies.
- Executes techniques including content marketing, paid search, SEO and PPC.
- Analyzes site demographics to effectively plan and implement future marketing and content strategies.
- Instrument conversion points and optimize user funnels.
- Develops front-end website designs using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript and JQuery.

## Software Proficiencies:

- Adobe: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Adobe CS
- Microsoft: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Office

#### J. Mike Taylor at a glance:

- Branding and Online Marketing Professional since 1999
- Creates / supports content across a variety of mediums such as newspapers, print, social media, websites, press releases, and email.
- Designing web sites, multimedia, and digital content since 1995.
- Managing Social Media since 2003.
- Designing and managing site designs and content within Content Management Systems since 2005, including SharePoint, WordPress, Joomla, Drupal, and DotNetNuke (DNN).
- Using Adobe Creative Suite, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, InDesign, and Premiere since 1997.
- Develops front-end website designs using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript and JQuery.
- Manages Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Search Engine Marketing (SEM).
- Advanced knowledge of Section 508 accessibility standards for creating website content for users with disabilities.
- Current or past member PRSA, AMA, NAGW, AAF, and Social Media Charlotte
- BA in Journalism and Telecommunications } from University of Kentucky.
- MS in Integrated Marketing Communications from West Virginia University.



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## **EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2012 — To	oday	ACCOMPLISHMENTS: • Customer service for County age	ation and management encies to assist with o roject Lead for Redes	ent for the Mecklenburg County brand. customer needs / build positive relationships. sign of MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.	
June 2011 – So	ep. 2012	Director of New Media Shatterbox   Lexington, KY   859. Creative lead for digital branding a ACCOMPLISHMENTS: • Managed regional digital signage • Developed custom responsive fr • Creative and Technical lead for n	nd mobile solutions. e marketing network amework for custom	WordPress theme designs.	
Jan. 2001 – June 2011		<ul> <li>Creative Director</li> <li>Hensley-Elam   Lexington, KY   859.389.8182   hea.biz</li> <li>Management of creative process and UX development for client websites and applications.</li> <li>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</li> <li>Google Analytics, Adwords, and SEO campaign management for both company and clients.</li> <li>Creative Lead for highly-acclaimed DHS application use to monitor domestic food source risks.</li> <li>Creative design and management of email and direct mailing lists for marketing campaigns.</li> </ul>			
EDUCATION			AWARDS		
May 2015	-	ed Marketing Communications a University   Morgantown, WV	July 2015	NACo 2015 Achievement Award 'MecklenburgCountyNC.gov: A Better User	

- August 1998 B.A. Journalism and Telecommunications University of Kentucky | Lexington, KY
- October 1998 Associate Degree in Graphic Design Platt College | San Diego, CA
- March 1999 **Diploma in Specialized Multimedia Design** Platt College | San Diego, CA

July 2015	NACo 2015 Achievement Award 'MecklenburgCountyNC.gov: A Better User Experience" in the category of Information Technology.			
February 2015	Harvard Ash Center for Democratic			
	Governance and Innovation			
	"Bright Idea In Government"			
	Commemorating 250 years as a county,			
	an interactive campaign was created to			
	celebrate Mecklenburg County's history.			

### References:

Available upon request.