# **GARY COTTON**

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## Summary

Digital editor with seven years of experience. I've worked as a social media manager, reporter and digital marketing associate. I earned my Bachelor of Arts from the Missouri School of Journalism.

### **Experience**

Olympia Media Group - Odyssey - New York, NY

Assistant Managing Editor

- Managed more than 250 writers spanning across 25 local communities. •
- Edited and optimized blog content for Odyssey's 30 million monthly unique visitors.
- Developed social media strategy for branded company accounts. •

### Muscle & Fitness Magazine - New York City, NY

Dec. 2014 to Aug. 2016

June 2012 to Dec. 2014

Jan. 2010 to May 2011

Social Media Manager

- Led all editorial and marketing social promotion for an audience of eight million.
- Oversaw the M&F Facebook page as it grew from 1.3 million to 6 million likes.
- Repurposed and optimized print content for an online audience.
- Worked as M&F's only trending news writer.
- Organized all social media coverage for the 2015 Mr. Olympia contest (#MFOlympia).
- Created the "Ripped in 28" branded content campaign, M&F's top digital sale of 2016.
- Named among the top 10 fastest growing magazine brands on Facebook (MIN, 2015). •

### Major League Baseball - New York City, NY

Web Producer / Social Media Coordinator

- Managed social media accounts for MLB.com and its 30 baseball club sites.
- Worked a local beat covering events at the MLB Fan Cave.
- Top edited content for MLBPipeline.com, MLBDraft.com and Cut4.com.
- Broke news as a reporter on MLB.com's news desk.
- Trained editorial staff in SEO and social media best practices.

### Newsy.com - Columbia, MO

Video Producer / Writer / Anchor

- Wrote scripts, produced video and anchored for Newsy.com.
- Created concise, sharable news videos covering sports, politics, tech and entertainment.
- Worked with our social media team to quickly post content in line with trending topics.

**Key Skills** 

- Facebook Insights
- Google Analytics
- ChartBeat
- Hootsuite and Buffer
- Followerwonk
- LikeAlyzer

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign
- Final Cut Pro
- Drupal 7
- SnapStream
- WordPress

- SEO Optimization
- Staff Training
- Contest and Event Planning
- Promotions and Marketing
- Branded Content Creation
- Sourcing (LexisNexis)

Aug. 2016 to Feb. 2017