

# AARON PIPER

## GIS ANALYST

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### SKILLS

- Professional
- Hardworking
- Creative
- Personable

### EDUCATION

#### Natural Resource and Environmental Studies

##### Texas State University

2020-2023

Bachelor's degree in Geography: Natural Resources and Environmental Studies with a minor in Geographical Information Systems.

#### Bachelor's Degree Visual Communications: Photojournalism

##### Ohio University

2005-2009

Bachelor's degree in Visual Communications: Photojournalism with specialization in English.

### COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft
- ArcGIS
- Adobe

### PROFILE

Bringing a unique blend of skills and experiences to the table, I am seeking a challenging position as a GIS Analyst. In 15 years of journalism and photojournalism, I have developed my analytical and storytelling skills, which are seamlessly applied to Geographic Information Systems. Writing YA/fantasy novels, which showcases my creative thinking and attention to detail, extends my passion for crafting compelling narratives beyond journalism. Additionally, I have exceptional communication and problem-solving skills as a result of my diverse retail experiences at Kohl's and Home Depot.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Sales associate, operations lead and manager

**Kohl's Department Store** 2020-2024

- Managing personnel
- Resetting floor designs
- Overseeing truck loading and unloading
- Merchandising freight
- Customer service and problem-solving
- Conflict resolution
- Aiding customers and employees
- Helping meet corporate goals and deadlines
- Technology troubleshooting

#### Police Cadet


**Austin Police Department** 2019-2020

- Eight months of a ten-month program
- Study of:
  - Criminal Justice
  - Law
  - Police Procedures
- Training in
  - Conflict Resolution
  - Use of force
  - Self-defense
  - Public Relations
  - Firearms
  - Driving
  - Incident Management

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## EXPERTISE



- Use of Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Bridge, and Lightroom)
- Use of most camera systems (Nikon, Cannon, Fujifilm, Leica, etc.)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and Powerpoint).
- Cartographic Design
- Use of Final Cut Pro/HD
- Use of Vegas Pro
- Use of ArcGIS Pro and Online
- Data/information gathering
- ERDAS Imagine Satellite Imagining
- Second Degree Black Belt Sikaron Karate
- HAM Radio Licensed
- Interviewing Techniques
- Wilderness First Aid Certified
- National Incident Management Certifications

## REFERENCES

### Becca Winkel

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### Vicki Goodrich

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Sales Associate

#### The Home Depot

2019-2019

- Worked to meet customer needs,
- Stock products
- Locate and arrange orders
- Forklift operation certified
- Operation of cutting equipment
- Loading purchase
- Unloading freight trucks

### Reporter and Lead Photographer

#### The Seymour Tribune

2012-2019

- Daily photographic and written coverage of news, spot news, features, and sports
- Established archiving and photo equipment procedures
- Requests for equipment maintenance
- Worked with editors to assign freelance staff
- Educated staff on equipment
- Public Relations
- Sales and marketing photography
- Photo processing and editing
- Social media operation
- Upkeep of company website and posting

### Staff Photographer/Videographer

#### The Herald Bulletin

2009-2012

- Daily photographic and video coverage of news, spot news, features, and sports
- Posting to social media and websites daily
- Archiving photos and video
- Photo Editing
- Photograph processing
- Video editing
- Video processing
- Caption writing

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the GIS Analyst position. With a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, complemented by a minor in GIS, from Texas State University, and a prior Bachelor's degree in Visual Communication: Photojournalism from Ohio University, I bring a unique and comprehensive skill set that aligns perfectly with the requirements of the role.

During my 15-year career in newspaper photography and journalism, predominantly in the Midwest with esteemed publications such as The Seymour Tribune, The Herald Bulletin, and the Lima News, I have not only honed my analytical and storytelling abilities but have also garnered state-level awards for my outstanding work in photography. My contributions have extended beyond the regional scope, with publications in trade and travel magazines, the AP Wire, and even The New York Times. These experiences have instilled in me a keen eye for detail, a commitment to excellence, and the ability to thrive in high-pressure environments.

In addition to my journalism background, I have diversified my skill set through 8 months of rigorous training as a police cadet with the Austin Police Department. This experience enhanced my problem-solving skills and fostered a strong sense of discipline and attention to detail. Furthermore, my 3 years of hands-on experience at both Kohl's Department Store and Home Depot, where I served as a sales associate, operations lead, and briefly as a manager, have equipped me with excellent communication and organizational skills essential for GIS analysis.

I am proud to mention my authorship of the young adult fantasy novel "Titus Fogg," showcasing my creative thinking and commitment to completing complex projects. Beyond my academic and professional qualifications, I hold HAM radio licensing, Wilderness First Aid certification, and National Incident Management certifications, reflecting my dedication to continuous learning and professional development. Currently, I am studying Python coding to further my professional skills.

With a proven track record in diverse roles and a solid educational foundation, I am confident that my skills and experiences make me a strong candidate for the GIS Analyst position at [Company Name]. I am eager to contribute my expertise to your team and to further discuss how my background aligns with your company's goals. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my candidacy in more detail.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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