

# Despina E. Durand

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## EDUCATION:

University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Amherst, MA

B.A. Journalism, 2017

Minor in Arabic Language

Certificate of Film Studies

## SOCIAL MEDIA:

Twitter: @deselinord

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## CLASSES:

**Multimedia Journalism (301), Fall 2013:**

<http://westernmafoodstories.wordpress.com/>

<http://climatechangema.wordpress.com/>

**Media, Technology, and Culture (494), Spring 2017:**

<http://soundcloud.com/despina-durand/code-journo494-final-project>

## TECHNICAL SKILLS:

**Languages:** Fluent in French, Modern Greek, Spanish. Some Arabic.

**Technical:** Adobe Audition, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Wordpress, audio recording/production, DSLR photography, videography.

**Writing:** Newsletters, professional communication, press releases, expository & analytical writing, reporting for print and radio.

## EXPERIENCE:

October 2016 to February 2017

North Kingston, RI

### Content Creation

Moran Properties

Freelance. Produced content and maintained blog.

<http://moranproperties.wordpress.com/>

October 2016 to November 2016

Providence, RI

### Contributing Author

Fathom Magazine

Freelance. Reviewed local theatrical productions as part of new publication to promote more theater criticism in Rhode Island.

<http://fathommagazine.wordpress.com/author/deselinord/>

November 2015 to April 2016

Providence, RI

### Sales Associate

Nordstrom

Performed sales, assisted customers, aided in re-merchandising product, maintained department appearance, conducted inventory, ensured managers were up to date on department status.

September 2013 to May 2015

Amherst, MA

### News Editor (Paid)

WMUA, 91.1 FM

One of two students responsible for organizing, managing, and producing the 5:30 news spot Monday through Friday. Created a unified, virtual newsroom on Google Docs. Increased listenership for original content through hosting on Soundcloud & social media. Managed a staff of approximately 25.

<http://soundcloud.com/despina-durand>

Summer 2014

Providence, RI

### News Intern

Motif Magazine

Wrote articles and reviews, conducted interviews, produced online video content and online and print photography.

<http://motifri.com/author/despina-durand/>

2013-2016, as needed

Providence, RI

### Shop Assistant

Stock Culinary Goods

Performed inventory and sales, promotional photographic work, editing & contribution to the Employee Manual.

Fall 2012 to Spring 2013

Amherst, MA

### News Radio Reporter (Volunteer)

WMUA, 91.1 FM

Reported on local and student news, wrote aggregate scripts for half hour news show, and anchored the program once a week.

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