

Dusty Altena. Designer

Career Summary

Accomplished editorial designer with over 15 years of experience in journalism and media. Perfectionist with strong technical expertise and a thorough command of typography and design philosophy; highly skilled in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, as well as most other mainstream software.

Experience

Advance Digital 2016–present, Jersey City, NJ **Art Director**

Member of the company's top-tier Enterprise team, which designs the most important editorial content of over 25 Advance-owned newspapers located throughout the country, including *The Portland Oregonian*, *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*, and *The Newark Star-Ledger*.

Utilizes a keen understanding of design, illustration, and photo editing to establish a consistent and common voice throughout Advance's 25+ publications.

Gannett; Asbury Park Design Studio 2014–16, Asbury Park, NJ **Senior Sports Designer**

Responsible for producing eye-catching designs for 15 Gannett-owned newspapers located in the Northeast. Frequently put in charge of special sections, poster pages, and other premier content that required a sophisticated, discerning sense of design.

Winner of Gannett First-Quarter Award of Excellence in Spring 2015. Winner of Gannett First Quarter Journalism Award (Design-Best Special Section) and Finalist in two others (Best Special Section, Best Breaking News Design) in Spring 2016.

American Papers, Cal State Fullerton 2013–14, Fullerton, CA **Managing Editor/Designer**

Served as both managing editor and sole layout designer; completely redesigned the publication with an updated modern design.

Radio K 2010–12, Minneapolis, MN **Graphic Designer/Web Producer, Volunteer DJ**

Responsible for a wide array of print and web work, including marketing campaigns, posters and fliers.

CG Channel 2009–10, Hollywood, CA **Graphic Designer, Web Producer**

Designed digital interviews for well-known CG artists, including editors of films such as "The Watchmen" and "The Day After Tomorrow."

The Arizona Republic 2006–09, Phoenix, AZ **Lead Sports Designer/Graphic Artist**

Produced infographics, maps, layouts, and special sections for over 500,000 print readers and online visitors.

Software/Language Skills

Adobe InDesign
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Photoshop
Final Cut Pro
HTML/CSS/PHP
GIS/QGIS
CCI/NCS

Education

University of Minnesota Dual B.A. in History and Art

Cal State University, Fullerton M.A. in American Studies

Other Accomplishments

Commissioned for illustrations and t-shirt designs for a variety of companies, including Oddica and Envy Magazine

Created the artwork for "Pauly Shore's Interested" Podcast

Editorial internship at *CityPages* (Village Voice) in Minneapolis

Editorial internship at *The Onion AV Club* in Minneapolis