

# Ryan Edward Smith

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## Freelance Journalist

Specializing in pop culture, community news, parenting, and personality profiles. Contributor to:

The Boston Globe	Patch.com (weekly parenting column)
Bowling Green State University Magazine	Reform Judaism Magazine
Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles	TVGuide.com
Los Angeles Downtown News	Yale Alumni Magazine

## Staff Writer

**The Blade**, Toledo, Ohio (1998-2010)

Circulation: 118,000 daily, 144,000 Sunday

- *Columnist (2008-2010)*  
Authored “Random Samples,” a bi-weekly Features column using pop culture and quirky local people and events in search of more universal truths.
- *Features general assignment reporter (2004-2010)*  
Reported on a wide range of pop culture, lifestyle, arts and entertainment issues, and wrote restaurant reviews. Produced video and posted to Twitter.
- *Higher education reporter (2000-2004)*
- *Suburban bureau reporter (1999-2000)*
- *Night police reporter (1998-1999)*

Other contributions have included travel articles, book reviews, sports stories, and general interest/opinion columns. Addressed groups as part of Blade speakers bureau.

**Awards** Received honors from Ohio Society of Professional Journalists, Press Club of Cleveland, and Association for Women in Communication (Toledo chapter)

**Skills** Final Cut, iMovie, iWeb, SoundSlides, Garage Band, WavePad audio editing

**Professional Organizations** Los Angeles Press Club, Society of Professional Journalists, Yale Alumni Journalism Association

**Education** **Yale University**, New Haven, Conn. — B.A., English, 1998  
Editor-in-chief of The Yale Herald  
Graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa