Writer's Resume

Sharing my experience of the business world, coffee, and Taiwan's fascinating cultures encourages me to put pen to paper and eye to lens. I'm now looking for new avenues to share my writing and photographs.

Selected Articles & Other Writings

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"Three Photography Lessons: My Travel Log" published in Travel in Taiwan, September, 2018. Text and Pictures. Pg 31. Available online at https://issuu.com/travelintaiwan/docs/9150dpi/31

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"The Secret to Great Coffee", published in Centered on Taipei, September, 2017. Text and many pictures. Pg 27-29. Available online at https://issuu.com/centeredontaipei/docs/cot-9-2017/26

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"A Jolt of Coffee - Taipei's Riding the Third Wave for Coffee", published in Centered on Taipei, February, 2017. Text and most pictures. Available at https://issuu.com/centeredontaipei/docs/feb 17 cot issue/24

"How to Survive Dining Out in Taipei: Twelve Tips for the Festive Season" published in Centered on Taipei, December 2016. Text and pictures. https://issuu.com/centeredontaipei/docs/dec 16 jan 17 cot/42

"Take a Shot at Photowalkers! Discover Taipei and Learn Photography Together," published in Centered on Taipei, October 2016. Text and pictures. Available at https://issuu.com/centeredontaipei/docs/oct_16_cot/26

"For the Love of Iced Coffee" e-book, first self-published at PurelyCoffeeBeans.com, 2015. No longer available online.

Current Blogs Written

InvestorBlogger.com examines entrepreneurship, personal finances, investing, blogging and tech from 2008.

PurelyCoffeeBeans.com is a personal quest for the perfect cup of coffee from 2011.

LookThroughTheLens.com is becoming my notebook on lessons about photography and writing from 2016.

Past Notable Posts

"Have you ever tasted coffee from India? It's a whole new bean". Article and interview, republished in August, 2015. Text and pictures. Available online at http://www.purelycoffeebeans.com/

"Advice Column: Your House Is Not YOUR ATM Machine," personal finance column published in January, 2008. Text only. Available online at http://www.investorblogger.com/

Academic Publications

"A Random Walk Along The Information Superhighway" - in 3 Parts.

- "Part 1: Resourceful Sites Worth Looking Into" Hwakang Journal of TEFL, Vol. 5, 51-70, 1999.
- "Part 2: What Do You Want To Teach Today?" Hwakang Journal of TEFL, Vol. 6, 17-44, 2000.
- "Part 3: What Do You Want To Create Today?" Hwakang Journal of TEFL, Vol. 7, 117-136, 2001.

"Homepages and TESOL instruction: are TESOL teachers really utilizing their homepages for the benefit of students?" Hwakang Journal of TEFL, Vol. 8, 2002.

"Freewriting, Prompts and Feedback," The Internet TESL Journal. Available online October 21, 2001 at http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Dickson-Freewriting.html, August 2001.

Books, Lesson Plans and Projects

Materials Writer, many books with games for teaching Phonics and KK phonetics system, supplementary materials, etc. Course materials for General English, Business English, and Advanced Reading levels.

"Phonetics for Adults (provisional English title)", David Wang. Edited and soundtrack co-recorded by Kenneth J. Dickson. Taiwan, Book and CD 2001.

Current Position

February 2004 – Now: Dickson English School - Partner & Teacher (full-time)

Providing language classes for Elementary to High School Students from beginners to GEPT Middle Level in all skills. Specialized in teaching writing and reading to older learners. Implemented new courses, designed curricula to fit our students, esp. those focusing on GEPT success, process writing, and critical reading. Additionally, gained extensive administration experience, covering all aspects of running a small business.

Biography

I have been living and working in Taiwan for a while now. Though Taipei is warm in the summer, I manage to soothe those hot days with smoothies, cold water (and the occasional beer!), and lots of famous ice dishes! In my spare time, I maintain, update and run WordPress websites for myself and several clients. My other interests include: street & scenery photography, urban & country walking, ethnic food, and playing board games. Recently, I've been organizing the monthly Photowalkers Taipei walk. For some writing, I use the pen names: James Caldwell or J. Caldwell. Over the years I've become quite proficient in Wordpress management and hosting and my Chinese has improved tremendously.