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# CHRIS FORTIN

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## Communication Professional

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### Summary

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**Communication Professional** offering over 20 years of experience in communication, translation, marketing, community involvement, making important connections, cultural studies, building community, and project management. Adept at working effectively to achieve goals in teams, in the community, and as an individual.

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### Radio Experience

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**WNKR/WNKN** On-Air PT - Country - Apr. 2019 → Sept. 2019  
**Jammin' 92** Voice Track On-Air Afternoons - Top 40 - Aug. 2019 → Oct. 2019 - Cleveland, OH  
**WFDL** On-Air Afternoons - Adult Contemporary - Nov. 2016 → Jan. 2018 - Fond du Lac, WI  
**KQCX** Voice Track Mid-mornings - Classic Country - Jan. 2016 → May 2019 - Mesa, AZ  
**Hits 94** Voice Track MIDDAYS - Top 40 - May 2014 → May 2019 - Kalamazoo, MI  
**The Blaze Radio Network/Sirius XM** - Part-time News (Remote) - Mar. 2013 → Jun. 2013  
**WUBE** On-Air PT - Country - Jan. 2012 → Jul. 2012 - Cincinnati, OH  
**WSXX/WYMX** On-Air PT - Top 40/Hot AC - May 2011 → Aug. 2011 - Milwaukee, WI  
**Metro Networks** News - 2004 → 2006 - Dayton, OH  
**WPFB** AM / FM - On-Air/News - 2002 → 2003 - Middletown, OH

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### Professional Experience

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1998 - Present	Radio / Communications <i>Announcer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successfully covered for major day-parts on big market radio stations</li><li>• Multi-tasked by announcing on one station and anchoring the news on another</li><li>• More details on my radio background: <a href="http://www.chrisanthonyonair.com">www.chrisanthonyonair.com</a></li></ul>
March 2019 - Present	OUTCincinnati Radio Program / Podcast <i>Founder / Host / Co-Producer</i> <p>I created OUTCincinnati in March of 2019. The program airs on WXU HD2 every Saturday. We talk to people with an LGBT story to tell: politicians, musicians, people of note, and the occasional drag queen. By coordination with PR professionals, I brought such locally and internationally well-known guests City Council Member Chris Seelbach and his husband Craig, Jerry Springer, Dionne Warwick, The Heartland Trans Wellness Group, and PFLAG to the show.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Took OUTCincinnati from concept to program on WXU HD 2 / Radio Artifact in the span of a month</li><li>• Formed important community connections</li><li>• Brainstormed show ideas and landed guests on the program</li><li>• Collaborated with the team at Radio Artifact to produce a high-quality program from the studios in Northside (Cincinnati suburb)</li></ul>
2015 - July 2019	Trending Translations <i>Company Owner / Lead Project Manager / Vendor Manager</i>

Based on years of experience as a Project Manager in the Translation field, I created Trending Translations in 2015, offering services in French, English, German, Spanish, and any other world language. With this company, I manage (remotely) a team of 20 translators in varying time-zones and collaborate with them and clients. The entire project from quote to deliver is organized, requiring intense structure and attention to detail. Trending Translations has a modern name and a "Trending" approach to the translation industry. I combined that with an existing client relationship. The company has grown since then.

- Owner of the company with one employee (Executive Project Manager)
- Over 100K grossed each year for the first two full years in business
- Managed a team of over 20 translators to complete client projects

2011 - 2014

Project Manager / Vendor Manager

*IT Technical Translations*

As a Remote Project Manager and Vendor Manager, I led projects from quote to delivery and managed a team of over 30 translators located across the world.

- Gained proficiency in industry software (WordFast, MemoQ, Studio)
- Recruited translators and editors as freelancers from application to testing to the first live jobs.
- Voiced training videos on company's [YouTube Channel](#).

2015 - Present

Publicist for the documentary film 'Leelah's Highway'

*Leelah Alcorn Memorial Highway*

Along with the creation of The Leelah Alcorn Memorial Highway, remembering a transgender teenager who died by suicide, I work as the publicist for the 24-minute film about Leelah. The film has been screened at The San Antonio LGBT International Film Festival, The Center on Halsted in Chicago, OUTReels Cincinnati, and The Cincinnati Film Festival (sellout), with more screenings planned. The goal is educational outreach, and an online curriculum is in the works.

2007 - 2019

Freelance Translation / Cultural / Writing

*Various Organizations*

A love of the French language led me into a mixed career of Translation and Project Management. This has been a constant in my career and remains a passion of mine. Some clients have included The Québec City Pride Festival, The French Alliance of Milwaukee, and Uknowwhy, a French culinary website.

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## Education

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2008 - 2010

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

*MA of Arts Foreign Language and Literature - French Translation Focus*

Matriculated to 95 percent

Teaching assistant teaching French year one and two

2001 - 2005

University of Cincinnati

*BA in French Language and Literature / BA in Communication*

With honors

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## Community Involvement

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- **Founder of The Leelah Alcorn Memorial Highway** – Organized an initiative to adopt the section of highway where Leelah Alcorn lost her life to suicide. [www.leelahhighway.org](http://www.leelahhighway.org)
- **Founder and Host of OUTCincinnati** – A program on WXU HD 2 / Radio Artifact for the Cincinnati LGBT+ Community
- **Publicist / Pedagogical Lead for 'Leelah's Highway'** – In collaboration with the director, area social workers, and companies, directed the creation of a pedagogical packet to accompany the film, '[Leelah's Highway](#)'.

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## Activities

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- **Alliance Française** – Involved with the Milwaukee chapter, occasionally providing translation services. The mother of the director grew up in the town where I taught in France
- **Clarinet** – I can play [Stranger on the Shore](#) pretty well

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## Technological Proficiencies

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- Microsoft Office Suite
- Various tools related to the Radio and Translation fields (Adobe Audition, WordFast, Studio)
- Radio control board operation