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EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York

M.S. Journalism, expected May 2018

Focus in audio reporting and production with interest in higher education, aging in America and children's healthcare. Selected for Scripps-Howard workshop including trip to Israel and Palestinian territories. Currently reporting on a transfer high school in Manhattan as part of the Covering Education Workshop, and a master's project podcast focusing on the reentry process for formerly incarcerated elderly in New York.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

B.A. Media and Journalism with Distinction | John H. Stembler Scholar, May 2016

Specialization in electronic broadcast with a focus in radio journalism.

- Producer and reporter for NPR-style student radio newsmagazine Carolina Connection 2015-2016. Selected, assigned and reported stories for weekly live radio newscast.
- Won 2015 national Broadcast Education Association award for story about three Muslim students killed in a Chapel Hill neighborhood. Won 2016 regional RTDNAC award for story about UNC sexual assault policy.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

July 2016- July 2017	97.9 WCHL/Chapelboro.com Reporter Chapel Hill, NC	Reported breaking/daily news for CBS-affiliate station. Produced, wrote and narrated news stories. Major stories included court proceedings of a UNC student charged with killing three people while driving drunk, to county's funding of local refugee organizations amid mixed reception and a potential conflict with state law. Mixed and produced stories with Adobe Audition and iMediaTouch, wrote accompanying web content using WordPress.
Nov 2016- July 2017	94.7 WQDR On-Air Talent Raleigh, NC	Hosted four hours of live programming weekly for 2017 CMA-winning large market country station of the year. Wrote scripts and engaged with callers on-air. Facilitated live contests and giveaways. Edited content in Adobe Audition and facilitated programming in iMediaTouch.
June 2015- Aug 2015	Freelance Researcher Chapel Hill, NC	Worked for freelance reporter Jake Halpern. Combed police and property records to locate and contact sources for "The Man Who Shot Michael Brown" story published in the New Yorker. Transcribed tape and fact-checked interview audio.
June- July 2015	WBHM radio/NPR News Intern Birmingham, AL	Edited stories, interviews and programs for hosts of daily All Things Considered show using Adobe Audition, Hindenburg and Audacity. Copy edited stories for broadcast and web publication. Assisted in the control room during recording sessions and broadcasts.

SKILLS

Programs:

Audio: Audition, Hindenburg, Audacity

Video: Premiere Pro, iMovie

Photo: Lightroom, Snapseed

Data: R, Anaconda

Web: Wordpress

Social Media:

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest.
Proficient in using as reporting tool to drive web traffic.

VOLUNTEER

2018 Columbia SPJ Community Service Chair - re-launching initiative for j-school students to teach classes at local schools.

Carolina For The Kids 2015-16 - in charge of coordinating multimedia coverage for largest student-run nonprofit in North Carolina.

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