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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

M.S. Data Journalism | August 2023

Combined coding and investigative techniques to report data-driven stories.
Projects include

- With data from the NCDE, I analyzed and visualized the declining rates of graduate teachers from U.S colleges from 1970, with pandas, and datawrapper.
- Wrote a data-driven story on the disparities of homeowners and renters across different ethnicities in the five boroughs in New York, using pandas, ggplot and datawrapper to analyze and visualize the dataset.
- Investigative project using FOIA requests to build a database for nursing homes in New York with the most violations and citations, web scraping was done with pandas and analysis by pandas.

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE

B.Sc(Ed). Mathematics | March 2016

Coursework includes spatial analysis, statistical methodologies, and educational theories in mathematical applications.

WORK EXPERIENCE

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, ICIR, Nigeria.

Investigative Reporter | Sept. 2018 - July 2022

Wrote over 300 stories, with a focus on accountability-related issues including fintech, corporate crime, business, homelessness, infrastructure, budget, and tax extortion by public officials.

- Investigated Nestle, a multinational company that transferred toxic effluents from its water factory into the public water source of a rural community in Abuja, Nigeria, which put the lives of residents at risk.
- Wrote a series of small investigations on Chinese loan sharks operating in Nigeria, that engage in cyberbullying, privacy invasion, and publicly shaming borrowers, to retrieve their loans.
- Investigated an unreported military airstrike that killed a couple of unarmed civilians, including children in Nigeria. Also, I wrote an investigative piece about an extortion scam run by tax officials in Nigeria's capital, Abuja.

THE NATION NEWSPAPER, NIGERIA

Freelance Reporter | March. 2016 - July 2018

- Wrote features and news stories on children's development, health, education, environment, and solutions-driven stories. I also covered underreported health stories, especially dyslexia in rural communities in North Central Nigeria.

AWARDS

- Runner-up, excellence in environmental journalism at the Fetisov Journalism Awards for Excellence, Luzern, Switzerland.
January 2019
- Runner-up, Local reporter category, Kurt Schork Memorial Awards for International Journalism, New York City. US
August 2019
- Runner-up, PWC Media Excellence Awards, for best fiscal and tax report of the year in Nigeria.
October 2021
- Winner, of the ICT and Telecoms Category, at the West Africa Media Excellence Awards, WAMECA, Accra, Ghana.
November 2022.

SKILLS

Data collection

Web scraping using Beautiful Soup and Playwright

Data analysis

Python/Pandas, R,

Data visualization

Adobe Illustrator, QGIS, Datawrapper, Flourish, Rawgraphs

Languages

English (native)

REFERENCES

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