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WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance

March 2021 - Present

Writer/Editor

I am currently freelancing for a number of media companies in the Pittsburgh area, including the local non-profit news website PublicSource.

Pittsburgh Today

October 2019 - March 2021

Staff Writer

My duties included writing short and long form articles on a variety of topics related to regional quality of life, including public safety, job growth and environmental health.

NEXTpittsburgh

June 2018 - October 2019

Reporter

I worked as a general assignment reporter for a daily news website focusing on local political, economic and environmental issues.

Freelance

June 2016 - June 2018

Writer/Editor

I completed both short and long term writing and editing projects for clients in the Pittsburgh area, including The Fred Rogers Company and The Heinz Foundation.

The Chin Institute of Social Sciences

February 2015 - June 2016

Journalism/Documentary Instructor

I won a grant to document the oral traditions of the Chin people of Western Myanmar. I led all elements of project design and execution, including managing budget, overseeing film shooting and production, and supervising a team of five student-journalists in the field.

The Myanmar Times

July 2012 - February 2015

Reporter Editor

I worked as a reporter for the paper's offices in Yangon and Mandalay, writing on a variety of subjects including international business, migrant labor and ethnic conflict. In addition, I edited the Technology section during a historic rise in local internet access. As bureau chief of the Mandalay branch in 2012-early 2013, I oversaw the writing and editing of the staff on a weekly deadline while also writing my own stories.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Princeton in Asia fellow, 2011-2013.
- Princeton in Asia Carrie Gordon Tribute Fellowship, 2015-2016.
- Winner - The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania's 2020 Tri-State Golden Quill Awards for Excellence in Magazine Journalism.
- Winner - The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania's 2021 Tri-State Golden Quill Awards for Excellence in Magazine Journalism.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in English Writing and Film Studies

The University of Pittsburgh

September 2007 - June 2011

REFERENCES

References available upon request.