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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a position with an organization that will allow me to leverage my skills as a visual, written and data-focused storyteller and advance my career in writing and news coverage.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data and Graphics Reporter – Capital News Service

College Park, MD | January 2023 – Present

I cover current events across Maryland and the D.C. region with a combination of traditional gumshoe reporting and advanced data analysis and visualization techniques. Topics covered include Baltimore housing and environmental justice, U.S. asylum seekers and student loan forgiveness as well as news app development.

Investigative Reporter – The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism

College Park, MD | June 2022 – Present

I am contributing to a project in collaboration with the Associated Press as both a reporter and data analyst. As the former, I interface with government agencies and private citizens, acquire documents and write and collaborate on stories; as the latter, I use R and other coding languages to identify trends and perform high-level analyses on massive datasets to aid the entire team in our reporting tasks.

Contributing Writer, Politics – The Baltimore Banner

Baltimore, MD | March 2022 – November 2022

I covered Maryland politics, including the 2022 primary and general elections. Responsibilities included all aspects of reporting election stories, including election day interviews and stringing, as well as writing, editing and delivering fully reported pieces on candidates and races.

Reporter – The College Park Here & Now

College Park, MD | June 2022 – September 2022

I pitched, researched, wrote and delivered articles for a local newspaper on a breadth of topics, including breaking news, local government operations and cultural and special interest features.

Marketing Coordinator - Earth Treks Climbing and Fitness

Baltimore, MD | Oct 2016 – Oct 2020

I handled all social media and marketing platforms for a boutique fitness center. This included content creation (video, photography and writing), post scheduling and publishing, and audience engagement.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park – Philip Merrill College of Journalism

Masters of Journalism – Multiplatform Journalism | Aug 2021 – May 2023

Ithaca College – Roy H. Park School of Communications

Bachelors of Science – Cinema and Photography, Minors in Writing and History | Aug 2010 – May 2014

Rod Serling Scholarship, Dean's List; Fall 2013 exchange at the University of New South Wales in Sydney

SKILLS

Code Languages: R, Python, JavaScript, YAML, HTML, CSS, SQL

Software: Adobe: Illustrator, XD, Premier, Photoshop, After Effects; MS Office, Google Suite, R Studio, Visual Studio Code, GitHub

Misc: Management, photography/videography, audio production, data acquisition, Spanish language