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Graphics and Development
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Employment

Daily Monitor - Kampala, Uganda

HIV reporting intern May - June 2016

Traveled within Uganda to report on HIV medication shortages and issues with patient records.

Indiana Daily Student

Digital redesign manager January 2017 - Present

Worked with contracted CMS provider to redesign the front end. Focused on improving the user interface and mobile website.

Investigative Reporter January 2016 - Present

Scraped, analyzed and visualized data. Worked on stories about health care, campus crime and campaign finance.

Digital Director August - December 2015

Managed editors working for the newly expanded digital desk, developed in-house programs, supervised multiple longform digital projects and documented workflow.

Digital Editor January - May 2015

Produced interactive graphics, websites and videos. Created social media targeted content to increase site traffic. Developed a digital style guide. Worked with contracted CMS to improve the website's appearance.

Photographer January 2014 - August 2016

Made news photos and photo illustrations

Society for News Design

Page Layout Designer June 2015 - Present

Designed pages for the 36th and 37th Best of News Design book. Edited winning pages from SND37 and 38 contests.

Indiana University Student Television

Front end developer September - December 2014

Setup a new domain, installed wordpress and migrated content from the previous site. Trained the staff how to operate it.

Education

Indiana University, Bloomington

Expected graduation in May 2017

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Concentration in Informatics

GPA 3.655

Organizations

Society for News Design

President and treasurer of Indiana University's Chapter in 2016. Facilitator for the SND37 and 38 contest.

Investigative Reporters and Editors

Attended NICAR 2016 and went to the ArcGis mapping bootcamp

Honor and Awards

Columbia Scholastic Press Association

Gold Circle 1st digital media news feature 2016

Gold Circle 1st photo illustration 2015

Indiana Collegiate Press Association

Best news feature reporting online 2016

Best yearbook feature and sports photo 2016

Best news photo 2016

Skills

Adobe Creative Suite

Proficient in Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign
Familiar with Premiere, After Effects and Audition

Development and Analysis

Proficient in HTML, CSS/SASS, javascript/jQuery, d3, responsive design, templated design, gulp, web scraping, python, pandas, git, excel, SQL, leaflet, cartoDB, handlebars, tabletop, discrete math, statistics
Familiar with ArcGIS, Django, OpenRefine, PDF to text conversion and analysis

Multimedia

Proficient in DSLR photography and videography