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Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Evanston, IL | Class of 2018

Bachelor of Science in Journalism | Concentration in Gender Studies and Sexuality | Second Major in Political Science

Professional Experience

Injustice Watch, Chicago, IL

Investigative Reporting Fellow | July 2018 – current

- Working on quick turnaround and long-term investigations featured on IW's website and in the Chicago Sun-Times
- Pitching, interviewing, retrieving public documents, writing, and uploading stories in WordPress site
- Shooting and editing video and audio for multimedia projects
- Doing social media posts and newsletters for stories as needed

Medill Justice Project, Evanston, IL

Investigative Intern | Jan. 2017 – June 2018

- Vetting cases by contacting defendants, sources, consulting court documents, and highlighting key questions about convictions
- Compiling anecdotal backgrounds for cases by compiling newspaper clippings and other types of coverage

Investigative Student Reporter | Sept. 2017 – Jan. 2017

- Probing wrongful convictions and systemic injustice through extensive research and reporting
- Interviewing and reporting on lawyers, eye witnesses, policemen, alibi witnesses, and other sources
- · Logging video, assisting with script writing, assisting with video production, and vetting potential cases

Northwestern University Political Science Department, Evanston, IL

Farrell Fellow Research Assistant | Sept. 2017 – June 2018

- Exploring how political rhetoric affects the experiences and political incorporation of foreign-born populations
- Completing a minimum of five hours of consistent qualitative and quantitative research weekly, attending team meetings to ensure the use of systematic research methods, and debriefing team on research findings

The Miami Herald, Miami, FL

Videography Intern | July 2017 - Aug. 2017

- Shooting, interviewing, and editing daily video packages for features and daily news pieces
- Using the company's Facebook page to attract views and readers

CNN International, Johannesburg, South Africa

Production / Digital Intern | June 2017 - Aug. 2017

- Assisting production team with shoots, interviews, and editing packages
- Extensively researching potential stories, assisting with writing interview questions, and identifying potential story angles
- Writing feature pieces for CNNI's website and completing other administrative tasks, such as scheduling interviews

eNCA's CheckPoint, Johannesburg, South Africa

Production Intern | March 2017 – June 2017

- Working for eNCA's investigative broadcast show and 24-hour news channel for Medill's Journalism Residency program
- Co-producing, conducting research, assisting producers with shoots, interviews, editing and script writing
- Retrieving archived footage, securing interviews for investigations, researching for background and potential story angles

In These Times, Chicago, IL

Editorial Intern | Sept. 2016 - Dec. 2017

- Fact-checking, proofreading, prepping articles for the Web, identifying potential decks, captions, headlines, and pull quotes
- Writing feature pieces on sanctuary campuses and activists working to abolish money bonds in Cook County

Relevant collegiate leadership experience

- · Vice President of Student Activities and Resources for Northwestern's Associated Student Government
- Videographer for BlackBoard, Northwestern's black-interest magazine
- Reporter for Northwestern News Network (NNN)- Winter 2018, Segment Producer for NNN Political (weekly political broadcast)-Spring 2017
- Sole student representative for Northwestern's policy review committee
- Advocacy Corps: Partnered with staff attorneys at Chicago Appleseed on their projects to lobby and advocate for improvements to the criminal justice system in Cook County concerning the imposition of court costs, fees, and fines

Current professional memberships

Investigative Reporters and Editors & National Association of Black Journalists

Skills

Certified in: Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Dreamweaver

Proficient in: Adobe Premiere Pro, Microsoft Office, PowerPoint, Excel, Google Programs, and WordPress

Experience with: Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Tumblr, Pinterest, and R Studio