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Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York | Aug. 2021

Master of Science in Data Journalism, with a focus on coding, analysis and visualization to tell stories, plus training in investigative techniques and audio production. For master's project on how the pandemic impacted the New York City taxi industry, scraped millions of rows of data from the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission and interviewed drivers, city officials and urban planning experts.

Northeastern University, Boston | May 2020

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. Awarded journalism department's prize for professional promise. Courses on coding, web development, databases, filmmaking and international reporting. Staffer for the Huntington News, the student paper.

Experience

The New York Times

- **Express Desk fellow** | June 2021 – May 2022

Selected as one of 33 fellows from 3,000 applications. Will cover breaking news and trending stories.

- **Student Journalism Institute reporter** | Jan. – May 2021

Selected to participate in the Times' journalism boot camp for students of color. Reported a story about how New York City's Black and Asian communities responded when an Asian police officer killed a Black man. Attended a weeklong training series with Times reporters and editors.

The Boston Globe

- **Metro correspondent and web producer** | Jan. – Dec. 2020

As metro correspondent, a part-time reporting position, monitor multiple sources, including social media, for breaking news; write up to five breaking news stories per remote shift. As web producer, review every story and lay out the home page. Monitor story analytics and edit layout based on which stories have the highest readership. Select story art from wire services and in-house. Write headlines for SEO. Pull wires and craft newsletters, app alerts and social media posts.

- **Metro co-op** | July – Dec. 2019

Wrote three to seven news stories daily for the metro section. Reported multiple front-page stories on crime, breaking news and a deadly gas explosion in Maine. Compiled morning news roundup and monitored tip line and police scanner.

The News & Observer, metro intern, Raleigh, N.C. | May – Aug. 2020

Published 30 stories of varying lengths for North Carolina's capital newspaper. Reported remotely on hurricanes, shootings and the pandemic; split time between breaking news and local government and accountability teams. One front-page story about Confederate statue takedown, multiple lead stories for metro and arts sections about fatal shootings, a folk art icon and music venue relief efforts. Story exposing the racist namesake of a public housing building prompted local housing authority to rename the property.

TripAdvisor, editorial intern, Boston | July – Dec. 2018

Pitched and wrote travel stories for the SmarterTravel news website. Edited videos and managed social media accounts.

Skills and activities

Coding: Python, JavaScript, R, SQL, HTML, CSS

Data analysis: API, Pandas, Selenium, BeautifulSoup, OpenRefine

Visualizations: D3, QGIS, Matplotlib, Tableau

Affiliations: IRE, appointed AAJA New England chapter board member

Scholarships: AAJA Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship, Columbia Journalism School Hearst Scholarship

References

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