



EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

M.S Data Journalism, Expected May 2020

Program focused on training in using coding, scraping and machine learning to collect, analyze and visualize data driven stories.

Master's Project: Investigating whether U.N supplier contractors are dodging taxes or involved in money laundering in their home countries. Used python to find 150 companies that had been contracted by the U.N but also had been named in the Panama papers leak.

Summer personal project: The unemployment rate in the U.S.A states in the first half of 2019, China's money in Africa, and birth rate in U.S.A. Used python to analyze data, matplotlib and illustrator to visualize it.

Summer reporting class: Covered Pakistani immigrants living in Brooklyn. Wrote narrative stories on why few Pakistani women own businesses and how the community initiated a drive seeking official designation as Little Pakistan by City Council.

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UGANDA

Bachelor of Journalism and Communication, 2017

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Feb '17	Staff reporter, Uganda Radio Network(URN)	Multimedia politics and business reporter at URN which feeds content to over 100 radios and newspapers in Uganda. Wrote a series examining how political infighting between Uganda's capital city, Kampala officials affected city services. Investigated how Uganda's premier university, Makerere University had for years been reporting contradicting number of students. Covered East Africa regional trade, commodities and public debt.
May '19		
Jan '18	Editor, Leo Africa Review	Served as editor of 2018 and first 2019 publications of Leo Africa Magazine, a Kampala based youth affairs bi-annual magazine. Provided strategic leadership as the magazine transitioned from print to digital publication in 2019.
May '19		
Mar '16	Freelance reporter, Daily Monitor (Uganda)	Covered education and politics at Daily Monitor, Uganda's leading daily newspaper. Covered strikes by public universities lecturers' and students. Wrote a series of explanatory stories on the financial crisis that led the strikes.
Feb '17		
June '15	Intern reporter Red Pepper Publications Ltd	Managed the company's social media accounts. Wrote breaking news stories for the website on deadline.
Dec '15		
Sep '13	The Makererean/ Journalism@mak	Held multiple positions in students' run publications at Makerere University. Served as editor of Journalism@Mak (2014) and deputy editor of The Makererean (2015). Reported over 50 stories for the two publications. Taught students pitching and news writing for the publications.
Dec '15		



SKILLS

Data Collection

API
FOIA
Bloomberg Terminal
BeautifulSoup
Selenium
Internet data mining

Data Analysis

Python (pandas, numpy)
Excel
PostgreSQL

Data Visualization

Matplotlib
Adobe Illustrator
QGIS
Mapbox

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