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Experience

Omaha World-Herald	Data reporting fellow	August-December 2015
Accepted the Omaha World-Herald fellowship for the fall 2015 semester. Will assist Matt Wynn and Cody Winchester on Data Omaha stories and enterprise reporting.		
Newsday	Investigations Intern	June - Present
Assist Newsdays' Investigations team on long-term projects. Working on a data-driven story on inequities in property taxes and assessment in Nassau County. Maintain databases and analyze data.		
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire	Multimedia reporter	June - August 2014
Wrote 3-5 stories a week on a range of congressional and transportation topics in Washington D.C. Took photos, video and audio for the wire. Completed a multimedia project on the Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center.		
USA Today College	Collegiate Correspondent	January - May 2014
Wrote 14 stories for USA Today College, focusing on legislation and policy affecting college students. Stories ran in print and on USA Today's website.		
Nebraska News Service	Reporter	August - December 2013
Provided state government coverage through College of Journalism and Mass Communication's wire service to more than 120 clients statewide. Produced a multimedia report on school consolidation in Nebraska.		
KFOR 1240	Broadcasting Intern	May - August 2013
Reported and compiled afternoon and evening newscasts for Lincoln's top AM station five days a week. Also created in-depth audio pieces for the weekend "Newsweek," program.		
Daily Nebraskan	Online News Editor	August 2011-May 2015
Managed the breaking news desk and assigned daily stories, edited stories four nights a week. Previous positions held: projects editor, copy editor, digital manager, senior government reporter.		
Paragould Daily Press	Reporter	May-August 2012
One of two reporters at the Paragould Daily Press in Paragould, Ark., wrote at least two stories per day, six days a week.		

Awards and Honors

Cornhusker Forensics	Intercollegiate Speech and Debate	August 2011- April 2015
National finalist in persuasive speaking, three-time national quarterfinalist in other events. Three-time state champion, eleven-time state finalist Seventh-place team at the American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament		
Hearst Journalism Awards Program	Radio News and Features	January 2015
Received certificate of merit.		
Drone Journalism Lab	Researcher	November 2011- Present
Researching the ethics of drone journalism. The mission of the lab is to test domestic drones and create a plan for news organizations to use the technology once the FAA legalizes its use.		
Cindy McCaffrey Scholarship	Recipient	September 2014
Inaugural Cindy McCaffrey Scholar, a scholarship given data reporters.		
American Exchange Center	Instructor	May 2014
Chosen as one of four University of Nebraska students to teach speech and debate to NU's sister school, Xi'an Jiaotong University in Xi'an, China. Assisted in English speech and debate classes and competed in British Parliamentary debate with combined NU/XIJU teams.		

Skills

Programming	Python Ruby	Data	Tableau, data vizualization PostgreSQL, PANDA	Multimedia	Premiere, Final Cut Pro Audition HTML/CSS
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References

Matthew Doig	AME Investigations, Newsday matthew.doig@newsday.com (631) 843-2127	Jody Beck	SHFWire Director jody.beck@scripps.com (202) 408-2748	Matt Waite	Journalism professor, UNL matt.waite@gmail.com (402) 802-5202
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