

Horus Alas

Writer | Reporter | Designer

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Editorial Experience

U.S. News & World Report - Reporter

Oct. 2020 - present; Washington, D.C.

Reported for U.S. News' three main government rankings verticals: Best States, Best Countries, and Cities. Wrote and produced data-driven stories with interactive graphics, and contributed stories to annual launch for mentioned verticals.

Maryland Matters - Freelance Reporter

March 2020 - present; Silver Spring, MD

Reported on immigration policy, activism and local politics throughout the state. Focused on IGSA contracts with ICE, especially in Howard County.

Tracked immigration bills in the General Assembly.

Capital News Service - Reporter

Aug. - Dec. 2019; Washington

Wrote and reported on political, social, and cultural events in Washington pertinent to Maryland audiences. Focused on Maryland's Congressional delegation, federal appropriations, impeachment investigations, and the Supreme Court.

NASA's Glenn Research Center - Web Editor

June - Aug. 2019; Cleveland

Standardized NASA Glenn Research Center's space and aeronautics web content. Edited pages for consistent style, grammar, and clarity to communicate the center's research and technological innovations to audiences.

Education

University of Maryland - Master's in Journalism

Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2019; College Park, MD

Honed newswriting and reporting techniques with a focus on national politics and interactive web design.

University of Maryland - Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Aug. 2013 - Dec. 2015; College Park, MD

Studied ancient philosophy and world literature; surveys in Plato, Aristotle, Shakespeare, classics.

Skills

Reporting

- Immigration policy, activism in Maryland
- Congressional, Maryland state reporting
- Survey, report, analysis-based writing
- Supreme Court cases, 2019 impeachment inquiry
- AP Style, copyediting, data reporting

Digital Design

- Proficiency with html, css; responsive design
- Interactive graphics
- Designs *include* New York Times Style section mockup, product demos, class blog, etc.
- Photoshop, GitHub, WordPress, InDesign

Languages, Writing

- Fluency in English and Spanish
- Proficiency in Latin, French, and Italian
- Background in literary fiction, discursive essays
- Well-honed grasp of feature, enterprise writing