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EXPERIENCE

Atlas Obscura, New York, NY

Jul. 2019 – present

Editorial Fellow

Report and write concise shortform and feature-length stories weekly for a leading online travel publication. Beats include archaeology, paleontology, biodiversity, climate, and obscure histories. Thoroughly fact-checked two commissioned longform stories of 5000+ words. Brought over 500,000 visitors to the site to date, and recently earned an honorable mention from SciShortform for a story about gorilla researchers in Gabon.

The Rice University Thresher, Houston, Texas

Dec. 2015 – May 2018

Coeditor, Contributing Writer

Coedited the university's weekly, ranked the third-best student paper by The Princeton Review in 2018. Handled a weekly pitch process, wrote stories (one receiving a statewide prize) and managed the section's social media, doubling followers to over 1,500 unique users.

The Honorable Nancy K. Johnson, Houston, Texas

Dec. 2017 – April 2018

Judicial Intern

Conducted legal research in WestLaw and LexisNexis and drafted judicial opinions, briefs, and memoranda for one of the Southern District of Texas' two magistrate judges. Wrote on social security, disability benefits, and patent disputes. Assisted judge in courtroom proceedings.

Rice University Social Sciences Department, Houston, Texas

March 2016 – Jan. 2018

Blankfeld Research Fellow

Conducted field research in Istanbul, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv. Published study on the European migratory crisis, and wrote on political tensions over cultural heritage sites.

Collection Analysis Collaborative, Houston, Texas

April 2017 – Sep. 2017

Provenance Researcher

Analyzed Mediterranean object files at the Menil Collection, translated original documents in French and traced provenance histories. Worked closely with museum officials and art historians. Mapped object find-sites in ArcGIS, and provided insights to help combat illegal archaeology.

SKILLS

Mapping Tools

ArcGIS, QGIS, OpenStreetMap
Sentinel, Planet Explorer

Research

LexisNexis, Pacer, WestLaw,
Factiva, JSTOR, Bellingcat

Data

Python, R, SQL, HTML, CSS
UNIX, Excel, p5.js

Other

Adobe Creative Suite, InDesign

REFERENCES

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, New York

May 2019

Master of Science, focus on science journalism with coursework in longform narrative writing, digital investigations, data and computational journalism. Covered Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, reporting on local issues, including the K2 drug epidemic, economic inequality, job insecurity, and Department of Sanitation neglect of the area. Wrote a master's thesis on gender and race disparities in city monuments, and scraped the web for a cartographic dataset of the monuments.

Rice University, Houston, Texas

August 2014 – May 2018

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Religious Studies, Minors in Sociology; Politics, Law, and Social Thought.

Coursework in the Abrahamic faiths and cultural heritage, research in the Middle East. Saba Prize winner, Blankfeld Research Fellow. Semester abroad at **King's College, London**, with coursework in philosophy and religion in England.