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SKILLS & MEMBERSHIPS



HTML | CSS | Javascript | WordPress CMS |
Audition | Social Media : Facebook, Twitter,
Instagram, Snapchat and Vine



DSLR | VSCO | Lightroom

NETWORKS
IRE/NICAR | SPJ

AWARDS & HONORS

2015 Pacemaker - Reporter of the Year
Finalist, Associated College Press
2015 SPJ National Mark of Excellence
First Place, In-Depth Reporting
2015 Best Data Journalism
First Place, Virginia Press Association
2015 Best News Series
First Place, California College Media Association
2015 Best Magazine Story
First Place, California College Media Association
2015 Brown Institute Scholar
2015 Carl Greenberg Memorial Scholarship
2015 Donaldson D. Frizzell Scholarship
2015 Agnes Cooke Scholarship
2014 Bridget O'Brien Scholarship

REFERENCES

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Master of Science *expected May 2016*

Focus on data and investigative reporting around politics, government and policy. Covered local stories in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. Highlights include stories about social promotion within elementary schools despite low test scores, Super PAC contributions from New York City's biggest political donors, and the struggle of refugees resettling in New York. Selected as a 2015-2016 Brown Institute Scholar.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Bachelors of Arts | English | *June 2015*

Graduated Cum Laude and with College Honors

Earned Highest Departmental Honors for senior thesis researching the influence of journalists' accounts of Margaret Garner's infanticide on Toni Morrison's novel "Beloved."

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

INTERN | LOS ANGELES TIMES

May 2015 to July 2015

Reported for the national and metro desks, learning the fast pace of a large newsroom in a major city. Contributed to coverage of the 2015 South Carolina church shooting. Covered national and state level political issues and LA county government. Wrote more than 30 stories, three centerpieces in the California section and two A-1 co-bylines. Reporting included breaking news stories on campus carry policies in Texas, the battle to allow Uber to pick up passengers at LAX, and the minimum wage debate in Los Angeles county, as well as features on efforts to bring produce from small, local farms to low-income urban communities in Historic Filipinotown.

EDITOR AND REPORTER | DAILY BRUIN

October 2012 to May 2015

Led a team of 15 writers to produce two stories daily with a focus on student government and administrative bodies within the university. Wrote enterprise stories and investigative pieces on mental health policies within the University of California, student politics, LGBT issues and more. One story on UCLA housing's involuntary withdrawal policy resulted in campus-wide policy changes and sparked discussion about administrative responses to students' mental health struggles. Another standout piece exposed malfeasance on the part of student government candidates who sold drugs and alcohol to fund their campaigns and compelled student groups to support their slate financially.

REPORTER | BRIDGET O'BRIEN REPORTING PROJECT

September to October 2014

Planned and executed a 19-day reporting trip to the Philippines to cover the ongoing recovery efforts one year after Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda devastated the islands. Stories touched on the successes, shortcomings and continued efforts of nonprofits doing relief work in the cities most impacted by the storm. The project earned several awards including the Society of Professional Journalists National Mark of Excellence for In-Depth Reporting

INTERN | FREE LANCE-STAR

June 2014 to August 2014

Reported on courts, cops and breaking news with a focus on using data and crime statistics to tell stories for this midsize regional paper serving six counties in northern Virginia. One story on crime statistics won the Virginia Press Association award for data journalism. Led coverage on several local news stories, including the death of a local Marine, which devastated the community. Wrapped up the summer with 16 A-1 stories.