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## SKILLS & MEMBERSHIPS



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



DSLR | VSCO | Lightroom

## NETWORKS

IRE/NICAR | SPJ | Virginia Press  
Communicators

## AWARDS & HONORS

2015 Pacemaker - Reporter of the Year  
*First Place, 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 about the disparity between student grades and test scores and New York City's biggest political donors. Selected as a 2015-2016 Brown Institute Scholar and finished the fall semester with honors in reporting, history, business and ethics. Working on a longform investigation on the implications of false positives in police drug tests and a book proposal on common follies in forensic science. Reported from Rome and Turin, Italy, in March to cover religious minorities and the politically-charged atmosphere surrounding the growing number of immigrants in the European nation.

### 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

### JAMES RESTON REPORTING FELLOW | THE NEW YORK TIMES

*June 6, 2016 to August 13, 2016*

Will report for the politics desk at The New York Times' Washington, D.C. Bureau. Will be responsible for reporting and writing stories in the daily news cycle and covering the politics beat in the capitol as voters prepare for a national election.

### INTERN | THE 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 and the aftermath. 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 | THE 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. 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 as a Bridget O'Brien Scholarship recipient. The project earned several awards including the Society of Professional Journalists National Mark of Excellence for In-Depth Reporting.

### INTERN | THE 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.