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WORK EXPERIENCE

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh, PA

Investigative Data Reporter

July 2022 – present

- Co-lead a team of reporters, graduate students, and international media partners in publishing **With Every Breath**, a yearlong joint investigation with ProPublica into Philips Respironics's dangerous and defective CPAP machines
 - Conduct extensive data analysis, employing advanced programming techniques such as web scraping to extract insights
 - Develop and maintain project infrastructure to organize and manage reporting findings, file Freedom of Information Act requests, and rigorously document all methodology, optimizing efficiency and accuracy throughout the process
- Co-authored **Left to Rot**, a compelling series of investigative stories exposing Pittsburgh's vacant and abandoned property crisis, which resulted in the revitalization of the city's long-faltering land bank
- Produced 1 in 4 of the *Post-Gazette's* Sunday front-page centerpieces during the 2023 calendar year, in addition to contributing dozens of local, state and national stories
- Foster a data-driven mindset within the entire newsroom, leading training sessions for reporters, editors and summer interns on utilizing various datasets to strengthen reporting on Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania

Medill Investigative Lab

Washington, DC

Data Reporter

January 2022 – June 2022

- Contributed to database construction and management, investigative research and extensive fact-checking to **Shadow Diplomats**, a ProPublica and ICIJ investigation of volunteer diplomats known as honorary consuls
- Applied technical skills such as database management, API programming to extract of corporate records, and web scraping to develop an investigation of registered agents for *The Washington Post's* **Pandora Papers** series

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

Remote

American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) Editorial Intern

June 2021 – September 2021

- Chosen as 1 of 11 students for the highly competitive ASME internship program, participating in a speaker series and receiving specialized training in journalism
- Authored 7 stories for both the print magazine and website, covering a range of personal finance topics
- Provided valuable support in writing, copy-editing, and organizational tasks for three monthly issue cycles

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Medill School of Journalism, Media,
Integrated Marketing Communications

MS in Journalism

Specialization: Medill Investigative Lab

Chicago, IL | Washington, DC

June 2022

Northwestern University

Medill School of Journalism, Media,
Integrated Marketing Communications

BS in Journalism, Minor in Psychology

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Kappa Tau Alpha

Evanston, IL

June 2021

AWARDS

Malcolm Forbes Award, Overseas Press Club

2023

For best international business news reporting in newspapers, news services or online

Semifinalist, Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy

2023

Medill Valedictorian Award, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

2021

Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award, Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society, Northwestern Chapter

2021

SKILLS

Data Analysis: Python, SQL, R, Excel, Google Sheets, PostgreSQL

Data Visualization: Datavrapper, Flourish, QGIS

Project Management and Technical: GitHub, Google Colab, Google Suite, Microsoft Office, HTML5/CSS/JavaScript, Bootstrap