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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh, PA

#### Investigative Data Reporter

July 2022 – present

- Co-led a team of reporters, graduate students, and international media partners in publishing **With Every Breath**, a yearlong joint investigation with ProPublica into the Philips Respironics CPAP recall
  - Conducted extensive data analysis, employing advanced programming techniques such as web scraping to extract insights into corporate and regulatory failures
  - Developed and maintained project infrastructure to organize and manage all reporting, including Freedom of Information Act requests for litigation against the Food and Drug Administration
  - Rigorously documented all reporting methodology to ensure efficiency and accuracy throughout the project
- 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 25% 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 incorporating data and investigative techniques to strengthen traditional reporting

### Medill Investigative Lab

Washington, DC

#### Data Reporter

January 2022 – June 2022

- Contributed 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 and API programming to extract corporate records for an investigation of registered agents for *The Washington Post's* award-winning **Pandora Papers** series
- Supported document review and verification for **Broken Doors**, a Pulitzer-winning podcast from *The Washington Post*

## 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

George Polk Award, Medical Reporting, Long Island University	2024
Finalist, Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy	2024
Finalist, Livingston Award, Wallace House Center for Journalists	2024
Winner, Best in Business Award, Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing	2024
Honorable Mentions, Best in Business Award, Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing	2024
First Place, Awards for Excellence in Health Care Journalism, Association of Health Care Journalists	2024
First Place, Investigative Reporting, Keystone Media Awards, Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association	2024
Ray Springle Memorial Award, Golden Quill Awards, Press Club of Western Pennsylvania	2024
Malcolm Forbes Award, Overseas Press Club	2023
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	2021

## SKILLS

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

**Data Visualization:** Datawrapper, Flourish, QGIS

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