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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

Evanston, IL

June 2021

Honors: Medill Valedictorian Award, Summa Cum Laude, Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award, Kappa Tau Alpha

Relevant Coursework: Medill Investigative Lab, Washington Reporting, News Reporting: Investigative, Enterprise Reporting with Data, Introduction to Investigative Journalism, Data Management and Information Processing, Media Presentation: Magazine Editing

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Data Reporter

Pittsburgh, PA

July 2022 – present

- Oversee collection, analysis and reporting of data to support short- and long-term investigative projects
- Analyzed U.S. Census Bureau data to report on implications of Pittsburgh's aging housing stock
- Analyzed FBI data to report on lack of Pennsylvania participation in national crime reporting program

Medill Investigative Lab

Investigative Reporter

Washington, DC

January 2022 – June 2022

- Co-authored ProPublica series on honorary consuls, including investigative research, database creation and fact-checking
- Co-authored investigation of registered agents for The Washington Post's Pandora Papers series, including database management, web scraping and API handling in Python
- Wrote four profiles of COVID-19 victims in nursing homes nationwide for The Washington Post special project

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) Editorial Intern

Remote

June 2021 – September 2021

- Selected as one of 11 students for prestigious ASME internship program, speaker series and journalism training
- Reported seven stories for print magazine and website on personal finance topics
- Assisted with writing, copy-editing and organizational tasks for three monthly issue cycles

Injustice Watch

Reporting Intern

Remote

March 2021 – June 2021

- Developed Python web scraper of jail population and COVID-19 case data from Cook County Sheriff's Office
- Conducted Cook County court system data analysis in R and built visualizations in Datawrapper
- Reported stories on outgoing Cook County Public Defender and the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act

AWARDS

Winner, Best Student Magazine, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards, Region 5

2021

Winner, COVID-19 Coverage, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards, Region 5

2021

Best of Medill Award, Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism

2021, 2020

First Place, Single Issue of an Ongoing Magazine (Editorial), AEJMC Student Magazine Contest,

2020

Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Magazine Division

SKILLS

Data: Proficient in Python, SQL, PostgreSQL, R, Excel, Datawrapper, Flourish, QGIS, SPSS

Technical: Proficient in HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, GitHub, Microsoft Office, Google Suite