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EDUCATION

MERRILL COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM

University of Maryland
College Park, Md.
Master of Journalism
Data/Investigative Focus
Expected Graduation, Fall 2020

NICHOLSON SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

University of Central Florida
Orlando, Fla.
Bachelor of Arts
Journalism Major
Public Administration Minor
Graduated Spring 2011

AWARDS

**2014 JOSEPH L. BRECHNER
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD**
Reporting Part of Organizational Award

**2013 FSNE FIRST PLACE IN FEATURE
AND ARTS WRITING, DIVISION C**

**2013 SPJ SUNSHINE STATE AWARDS
FIRST PLACE PRESIDENTIAL COVERAGE**
Member of Awarded Team

**2012 FSNE FIRST PLACE IN USE OF
SOCIAL MEDIA IN BREAKING NEWS,
DIVISION C**
Member of Awarded Team

SKILLS

	novice	skilled	expert
Webscraping	■■■	■■■	■■■
Data Analysis	■■■	■■■	■
Python	■■■	■■■	■■
Pandas	■■■		
R	■■■	■■■	
Tidyverse	■■■	■■■	
ArcGIS	■■■		
Videography	■■■	■■■	
Premier	■■■	■■	
Photography	■■■		
Photoshop	■■■	■	
InDesign	■■■	■■■	■

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

HOWARD CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Aug. 2019 - Present

- Worked as both a traditional reporter and a data reporter over the course of multiple roles: investigative journalism student, graduate assistant, summer data reporter and Howard Center Semester student
- Led a team of reporters investigating homeless criminalization in Florida, oversaw a national survey of city ordinances, acquired and analyzed data that led to core findings, lead writer on final article; developed and taught webscraping methods used by data team for evictions article, collaborating on open-source automated court scraper

REPORTER AT THE CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Jan. 2020 - May 2020

- Primarily covered Maryland politics and Gov. Larry Hogan during the Maryland General Assembly's 2020 session
- Broke statewide news on early economic impact of the novel coronavirus, wrote enterprise stories and breaking news about state issues

REPORTER AT THE LEDGER

June 2011 - July 2014

- Primarily covered two largest city halls in the county; first reported on Winter Haven, Fla., before promotion to Lakeland
- Wrote enterprise and breaking news stories with enormous impact, including an award-winning, multi-day narrative on then-unsolved murder of an Orlando musician shot during a set break
- Reporting led to termination of a planned \$150 million mixed-use development set for city's premier recreational site and sank a plan to relocate city swimming pool to a brownfield

BUSINESS INTERN AT THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Jan. 2011 - May 2011

- Covered Orlando businesses in wake of the financial crisis, including a front-page story about a shopping center owner who created new businesses to fill vacancies
- Received perfect marks in review and created first intern beat book

INTERN AND FREELANCER AT THE LEDGER

Sept. 2008 - Jan. 2011

- Wrote enterprise stories as an intern, including a front-page story reporting a conflict at the city-owned airport between its director and a consultant hired to attract new business; led to reappointment of airport director and termination of consultant's \$216,000 contract
- Freelance work included metro and sport stories, formatted agate and edited wire stories on deadline for the sports desk

OTHER EXPERIENCE

GENERAL MANAGER, SERVER AT HIGH-END D.C. RESTAURANTS

2014 - 2019

- Worked as a server and general manager at Mintwood Place and two other restaurants while supporting my wife through law school