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In 140 characters:

A journalist in the Flyover States.
Always looking for the story within
a story and a better cup of coffee.
Ask me about late Roman history.

EXPERIENCE

The Missourian, Columbia, Missouri | Staff Writer | August 2015 – PRESENT

Write daily stories and features for the higher education beat and for general assignment. Create an average two or three pieces of content a week and have had stories linked to by local and national media.

The Writing Center, Columbia, Missouri | Writing Tutor | August 2015 – PRESENT

Tutor undergraduates and graduate students and help revise their papers and essays, think through edits and brainstorm new ideas. Work with all subjects and am comfortable with AP, APA and MLA styles.

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri | Reporter | June 2016 — August 2016

Wrote daily stories and enterprise stories for the metro desk during a summer internship. Also took photos and video and used social media to add and promote my own online content.

Mission to the World, Sofia, Bulgaria | ESL Teacher | June 2015 – July 2015

Wrote lesson plans, taught English as a Second Language classes to all levels of non-native speakers and participated in a cross-cultural exchange in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Helped organize events and a week-long English Camp. Fundraised \$6,000 in five months to fund my internship.

The Maneater, Columbia, Missouri | Staff Writer | April 2014 – May 2015

Wrote for the public safety beat for the Maneater, the University of Missouri's independent student newspaper. Wrote about city council meetings, infrastructure and municipal budgets on a weekly basis.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia | Bachelor of Journalism | May 2017

Missouri School of Journalism, Print and Digital News

A proud student of the Missouri School of Journalism, with an emphasis in print and digital news. Also hold a minor in medieval and renaissance studies and honors and multicultural certificates.

SERVICE

Mizzou RNA, Columbia, Missouri | Vice President and Treasurer | April 2014 – PRESENT

Mizzou RNA is the original college chapter of the Religion Newswriters Association, a national professional organization that promotes fair and accurate religion reporting. Have added members, brought in speakers and organized a multimedia contest. Have also served as secretary.

Center for English Language Learners, Columbia, Missouri | April 2016 – PRESENT

I meet up about once a week to help two English Language Learners practice their English. We talk about life, family and current events and discuss proper English grammar and pronunciation

SKILLS

Media | Created videos and multimedia packages using the Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro and iOS apps like Videolicious for stories ranging from post-college employment to Girl Scout camp closures.

Data | Used SQLite and Python to analyze data and create databases, spreadsheets and scrapers.

Communication | Coordinated public speaking and an online presence to raise \$6,000 to fund a nonprofit internship in Bulgaria. Can communicate and engage with non-English and non-native English speakers and am comfortable in different cultures.

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