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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Reporter

Capital News Service Annapolis Bureau / Sept. 2023 – present

- Cover breaking news in Maryland, including the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and a lockdown of the state Capitol complex
- Report and write stories on juvenile justice and social services in Maryland, including tracking the General Assembly's passage of a new juvenile justice bill, education for incarcerated kids and tenants' right to counsel in evictions

Team leader – congressional travel project

Howard Center for Investigative Journalism / Jan. 2024 – present

- Report and write about the impact of congressional travel to the Consumer Technology Association's annual Consumer Electronics Show makes staffers into a captive audience to hear the views of CTA member companies on tech policy issues, such as data privacy and artificial intelligence

Team leader and lead writer – Howard Center/Associated Press project

Howard Center for Investigative Journalism / Jan. – May 2023

- Co-lead team of student reporters in backgrounding officers and agencies for "Lethal Restraint: an investigation documenting police use of force"
- Developed and tested investigative hypotheses with editors and reporters using preliminary research results
- Wrote two main bars by weaving together reporters' memos, asking for additional reporting and responding to editors' feedback

Investigative journalism fellow

Howard Center for Investigative Journalism / Sept. 2022 – present

- Filed and pursued public records requests with law enforcement agencies across the U.S. for national project in collaboration with the Associated Press
- Analyzed and annotated primary source documents on officers and agencies for Howard Center-AP project
- Used RECAP, PACER and state databases to track outcomes of hundreds of court cases

Reporter

Greenbelt News Review / Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2023

- Pitch, report and write news stories and features on people and events across Greenbelt, including local policing, a county law requiring security cameras in apartment complexes, city meetings and a resident who participated in a research flight in microgravity to promote disability inclusion in space
- Analyze and create visualizations of publicly available data to develop and accompany stories using R and Datawrapper

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral research fellow

International Studies Group, University of the Free State (South Africa) / April 2019 – July 2022

- Conducted oral history and archival research across Namibia and South Africa on migrant and gendered labor, state-owned housing and state social provision in urban Namibia under white South African occupation during apartheid
- Published academic articles and revised my Ph.D. dissertation into a book manuscript
- Co-edited journal special issue on Namibian labor history

EDUCATION

M.J. / expected spring 2024
University of Maryland, Philip Merrill
College of Journalism

Ph.D., African history, June 2019
Stanford University

B.A., English and history / May 2010
Bucknell University

SKILLS

- R (basic proficiency)
- Datawrapper
- PACER/RECAP
- DocumentCloud
- AP Harvester
- Chicago Style
- LexisNexis
- Archival research
- Afrikaans (basic speaking, intermediate reading)
- FOIA and PIA requests
- HTML and CSS (basic proficiency)