# **TAYLOR BLATCHFORD**

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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

#### The Charlotte Observer » Reporting Intern » May 2017 – present

» Report on local and business news for the largest publication in North and South Carolina.

#### POLITICO Europe » Production Intern » Jan. - May 2017

- » Produced web stories, designed pages and engaged audiences through social media for Brussels' largest international publication.
- » Created weekly analytics reports to guide social media strategies.
- » Pitched and reported feature stories on international issues.

#### Columbia Missourian » Reporter » May – Dec. 2016

- » Reported on health care, public safety, higher education and other community topics for Columbia's daily city newspaper.
- » Wrote in-depth pieces and daily stories, juggling multiple assignments.
- » Worked general assignment shifts and responded to breaking news.
- » Analyzed data for investigative pieces and created graphics.

#### The Maneater » University News Editor » Nov. 2015 – May 2016

- » Coordinated news coverage of the University of Missouri for MU's daily online and weekly print student newspaper.
- » Created interactive timeline of campus race relations and protests that was viewed 200,000 times and cited by the New York Times.
- » Edited longform pieces as Projects Editor (April Nov. 2015).
- » Formerly reporter, copy editor & designer (Sept. 2014 April 2015).

### Team Leader » Newsroom by the Bay » Summers 2015, 2016, 2017

» Mentored a team of high school students producing multimedia content during a weeklong journalism workshop at Stanford University.

## Ambassador » Missouri School of Journalism » Feb. 2016 - present

» Lead tours and represent the journalism school at events for prospective students and their families.

# Thompson Center for Autism » Assistant » Jan. 2016 – May 2017

» Designed publications for the University of Missouri's autism research center; promoted programs and events on social media.

## The Maneater » Alumni Coordinator » May – Dec. 2016

» Strengthened relationships between The Maneater student newspaper's current staff and hundreds of alumni across the country. » Create monthly newsletters and managed social media accounts.

#### Colorado Community Media » Intern » Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2015

» Reported on local news for multiple community newspapers in the Denver metropolitan area.

# **EDUCATION**

#### Missouri School of Journalism

- » Bachelor of Journalism
- » Graduation: May 2018
- » Emphasis: Print and Digital

**News Reporting** 

- » Minors: Political Science, History
- » Organizations: Women in Media, Mizzou Alternative Breaks, Christian Campus House

# STORYTELLING SKILLS

#### **Advanced**

- » News writing
- » Beat reporting
- » Breaking news coverage
- » Copy editing, AP Style
- » Social media
- » Google Analytics
- » DSLR photography
- » Adobe InDesign
- » Google Fusion Tables
- » Timeline JS

#### **Proficient**

- » Data analysis, Microsoft Excel
- » HTML, CSS, web development
- » Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop
- » DSLR video, video editing

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

- » Dean's List (fall 2014 present)
- » Walter Williams Scholar and Honors College member (fall 2014 – present)
- » The Maneater scholarship recipient (2016)
- » First place in state for in-depth news reporting, multimedia package and feature writing, Missouri College Media Association (2016)
- » National High School Journalist of the Year (2014)