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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

POLITICO Europe » Reporting Intern » Jan. 2017 – present

» Report on the European Union and international issues in Brussels as part of a study abroad program with the Missouri School of Journalism.

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 respond to breaking news.
» Analyzed data for investigative pieces and create graphics.
» Coordinated visuals with photo and graphics departments.

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 the fall 2015 semester, including campus race relations, protests and administrative resignations, that received over 200,000 views and was cited by the New York Times.
» Edited longform pieces as Projects Editor (April – Nov. 2015).
» Formerly a writer, copy editor and designer (Sept. 2014 – April 2015).

Thompson Center for Autism » Publications Assistant » Jan. 2016 – present

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

The Maneater » Alumni Coordinator » May 2016 – present

» Strengthen relationships between The Maneater student newspaper's current staff and hundreds of alumni across the country.
» Manage a mentorship program pairing alumni with current staffers.
» Create monthly newsletters and manage social media accounts.

Journalism Ambassador » Missouri School of Journalism » Feb. 2016 – present

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

Team Leader » Newsroom by the Bay » Summers 2015 and 2016

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

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

» Reported and wrote stories on local topics 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
» Deadline management
» Copy editing, AP Style
» DSLR photography
» Adobe InDesign
» Social media
» 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)