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EDUCATION

M.S. Visual Craft Journalism Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

I specialized in investigations and short documentaries. I covered the NYC lodging industry as the city fully opened-up and transitioned back to pre-pandemic practices regarding lodging regulations. I worked closely with members of the Afghan community as some opted to settle into refugee status in larger cities despite government recommendations. My coursework largely tackled health, immigration, and a 4-month investigation on Bayer's Mirena IUD and its alleged propensity to cause blindness in women.

Dual B.A. Degree - Journalism & International Business San Diego State University

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Media Studies and International Business focused in the Middle East and Northern Africa with a minor in Cultural Anthropology. Two semesters at the American University in Dubai

Seven semesters of Arabic language courses. Border reporting, media and politics in the Middle East, international marketing, public affairs reporting electives to further my skills and interest in international/foreign reporting.

SKILLS

- Skilled in producing daily and long-term reporting, FOIA requests, covering city council/police commission/school board meetings.
- Multimedia: Adobe Suite, Tiktok, Instagram reels, Canva, Brightcove, StreamYard, CUE, interactive graphs and maps.
- Pacer/Recap, legal complaints/documents, Nonprofit 990 forms, Court Records, Risk assessments.
- ABC platforms: Slack, Interplay, Aspera, Crackle, MediaFly
- Show hosting, social media scripting, live shots,
- Conflict reporting safety - HEAT training

AFFILIATIONS

Overseas Press Club of America (March 2022 - Present) *Participating member of the OPC.*

National Association of Black Journalists (May 2020 - Present) *Participating member of the NABJ.*

Investigative Reporters and Editors (January 2021 - Present)

Participating member of IRE.

Society of Professional Journalists (August 2021 - May 2022)

Participating member of the org's Columbia section.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Accountability & Civil Rights Reporter Baltimore Beat

May 2025 - Present, Baltimore City, Maryland

- Covering Baltimore City police in aftermath of return of police control to the city
- Reporting on BPD involved deaths of Summer '25, including Pytorcarcha Brooks and Donte Melton
- Longform reporting on ICE and the effects on Baltimore's large immigrant community
- Building relationships with local community members to further community based reporting

Associate Producer ABC News

September 2023 - Present, New York City, New York

- Investigative field produce for Trump hush money trial, the conviction of the Crumbleys, etc.
- Contribute to ABC News' digital platform on international and weather related stories
- Pitch and edit segments for ABC News Live to develop longform standout content & strategize on high profile bookings
- Assignment editor shifts, communicating to producers in the booth and the field, coordinating with the desk, correspondents, the entire network.
- Expert AP in the control room: writing & reworking scripts on the fly & operating studio equipment, video editing for broadcast
- Cover breaking news like the Baltimore Key Bridge collapse, calling local authorities and searching police scanners/Broadcastify for information from the assignment desk
- Train incoming PAs on producing live shots, using Avid, iNews and line producing/editing for TV

Video Producer McClatchy Publishing

September 2022 - May 2023, Sacramento, California

- Garnered monthly engagement to 700+ clicks on Tiktok and Instagram for smaller Midwest and Pacific markets and supported a team of social media managers for McClatchy's largest markets.
- Managed monetized Youtube uploads for five markets.
- Ensured 50% of published articles across five markets have videos in the lead of the article.
- Scripted for social media posts
- Wrote articles around created or aggregated videos.
- Hosted public livestreams through StreamYard and Brightcove.

Investigative/Burlington Beat Reporting Fellow VTDigger

June - November 2022, Burlington, Vermont

- Covered Vermont's largest city, Burlington, through daily coverage and longer investigative pieces.
- Broke a story on a missing 911 call and interim chief's mishandling of the call once found.
- Wrote a longform piece on the life of Kayla Noonan, a victim of Burlington's rising gun violence.
- Examined the housing crisis through the lens of people with ambulatory disabilities.
- Appeared on Vermont This Week, a news show hosted by Vermont Public, to discuss my reporting in more depth.

Press Intern under D.A. Bragg New York County District Attorney's Office

December 2021 - June 2022, Manhattan, New York

- Provided writing and research assistance to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office to develop press releases, coordinate press conferences, and take official notes at hearings and other official proceedings.
- Tackled key issues such as taking official press release notes for the Miya Ponsetto hearing after an accepted plea deal and official notes for former New York Police Department officer Joseph Stokes grand larceny hearing.

Contributing Reporter Black Voice News, digital publication

January - August 2021, Inland Empire, California

- Helped launch Mapping Black California, an interactive California data map intended to highlight data pertaining to Black people statewide.
- Covered the Inland Empire's growing black community reporting on city officials, local businesses operating during the pandemic, and highlighting community members and organizations.
- Assigned stories monthly with four published to a digital medium - one being an accountability piece analyzing the role of the FDA in menthol cigarettes permeating Black communities.