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Education

American University

Master of Arts Communication, Journalism and Public Affairs (2020-present)

Concentration: Investigative Journalism

University of Memphis

Bachelor of Arts, Department of Journalism (2016)

University Honors with Thesis

Magna Cum Laude

Experience

Washington Post Practicum

Student Contributor (2020-present)

Washington, D.C.

- *Research and analysis of data, court documents, and other records for investigative stories*

Memphis Flyer

Staff Writer (2017-2020)

Memphis, Tennessee

- *Pitch, write daily and feature-length news stories for print and online publication*
- *Research and analyze data, court documents, and public records*
- *Shoot video and photos for stories*

Science Magazine

AAAS Minority Science Writing Program (2016)

Washington, D.C.

- *Pitch, write policy and research-based stories for Science's news section*
- *Identify sources and conduct interviews*
- *Create campaigns and generate relevant social media posts.*

Recognition

- Second place, General News Reporting, 70th Annual Green Eyeshade Awards (2020), *Memphis Flyer*, "Abortion Battle Lines," "Taking the Heat," and "Criminal Injustice"
- Third place, Immigration Coverage, Association of Alternative Newsmedia (2019), *Memphis Flyer*, "There is No Line"
- First place, General News Writing, 68th Annual Green Eyeshade Awards (2018) *Inside Memphis Business Magazine*, "Downtown Rising"

Skills

Audio: GarageBand

Visual: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and Premiere; Wordpress

Data: SQL, Excel