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Work History

Independent Journalist

October 2012 - Present

Filed a wide variety of original news and feature stories from across the country (Missouri, Alaska, Idaho, Wisconsin) and world (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Poland, Costa Rica, Montserrat) for outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, Al Jazeera America, *The Guardian*, *National Geographic News*, Public Radio International, and *Hakai Magazine*. Often contributed original photography.

The Field Museum of Natural History

April 2016 - Present

Exhibition Developer

Chicago, IL

Worked on a team of exhibit developers to conceptualize and produce exhibitions at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. The position involved collaborating with curators, designers, and other content experts to make complex scientific and anthropological content accessible to all visitors.

Kansas City Public Radio (KCUR)

May – August 2013

Production Intern

Kansas City, MO

Assisted in the production of KCUR's weekly magazine show: *KC Currents*. Also produced original multiplatform feature packages featured both on air and online.

Skills

- Multimedia-minded. Always thinking about the best ways to tell a story.
- Photography, videography, audio and video production, design
- Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro X, Soundslides Plus, Audacity, SPSS
- Conversational in Spanish

Other Experience

Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources

- September 2015 Chesapeake Bay Institute, reporting on changing fisheries, rising sea levels, environmental restoration, and the proliferation of industrial chicken farms in Maryland and Virginia.
- June 2016 Prairie Pothole Institute, reporting on the environmental impact and ecological implications of North Dakota's oil, ethanol, and soybean booms in its glaciated wetlands, a crucial habitat for migratory birds and pollinators.

University of Alaska-Fairbanks Arctic Journalism Fellowship

- Attended the 2016 Arctic Science Summit Week, where fellows explored Arctic issues through journalism, utilizing the large gathering of researchers, policymakers, and representatives of indigenous communities.

Media Research in Alaska

- Consumer-based research and analysis on how local media outlets in Kodiak, Alaska can use the Internet to overcome geographic barriers and grow their audience in outlying villages. Findings available by request.

Chicago Syrian Community Network

- Volunteered as a "mentor" for a recently resettled Syrian refugee family. Meetings included English tutoring, as well as general assistance in adapting to American life.

Education

University of Missouri

- Bachelor of Journalism with an emphasis in Convergence Journalism (May 2014)
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (May 2014)
- Master of Arts in Journalism (December 2015)