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Experience

Investigative Reporter, WWMT, Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo, MI

Dec 2015 – Present

- Enterprise stories and develop sources
- Expertise in CART/FOIA/Open Records- Investigative reporting techniques

Reporter, WWMT, Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo, MI

July 2015 – Dec 2015

- Nightside reporter
- Enterprise stories and develop sources

GA Reporter/Fill-in Anchor, WEYI, Flint-Saginaw, MI

Jan. 2013 - July 2015

- Served as the lead dayside reporter, turning top story packages for 6p & 11p broadcasts
- Served as primary fill-in anchor for weekend newscasts; also produced weekend newscasts when filling-in
- Gathered news video in the field as a one-man band reporter, edited packages on Final Cut Pro, wrote broadcast scripts on tight deadlines & presented packages on-air with in-field live shots

Lead Reporter/Fill-In Anchor & Producer, WENY, Elmira-Ithaca, NY

Jan. 2011 - Jan. 2013

- Lead reporter, turned one-man band packages for 5:30 & 6p newscasts
- Won First Place Honors for Best Enterprise Reporting & Best Spot News Reporting by NYS Associated Press
- Lead reporter for station's coverage of historic flooding by Tropical Storm Lee which led to First Place Honors for Best Continuing Coverage by NYS Associated Press (2011)
- Fill-in produced and anchored newscasts as assigned
- Enterprised story ideas daily, maintained community contacts and interacted with viewers using social media

Photojournalist/Editor, Verizon FiOS 1 News/WRNN, New York City

Sept. 2010 - Jan. 2011

- Covered Long Island and Northern New Jersey as a weekend videographer
- Gathered news elements and edited in the field; set-up and operated live shots

Dayside News Fellow, MSNBC, New York City

May 2009 - Sept. 2009

 Performed all functions of a production assistant by assisting anchors during live dayside programming, editing video elements and researching story ideas and live breaking news

Reporting Intern, News 12 Brooklyn/The Bronx, New York City

Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2010

Reporting Intern, WBRE, Scranton, PA

Summer 2010

Reporting Intern, News 12 Long Island, Long Island, NY

Jan. 2010 – Apr. 2010

Investigative News Intern, NBC Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Jan. 2009 - May 2009

Production Intern, PBS' Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, Washington, DC

Summer 2008

Education

City University of New York Graduate School of Journalism, New York City

Dec 2010

Master of Arts in Journalism, concentration in Urban Reporting for Broadcasting & Interactive Awarded The Chancellor's award, a full scholarship, upon acceptance

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

May 2009

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, concentration in Media Studies & minor in Africana Studies Attended Summer Study Aboard Program, traveling across Greece during Summer 2008

Awards

- 2017 Michigan AP award for copycat superintendent investigation
- 2017 Child Advocacy Award for investigating child abuse cases presented by Kalamazoo county child abuse prevention council.
- 2016 Emmy nomination for flint water crisis
- First Place, Best Continuing Coverage for "Hurricane Sandy Aftermath in NYC," NY Associated Press, 2012 First Place
- Best Spot News Reporting for "Cannon Hole Helicopter Rescue," NY Associated Press, 2011
- First Place, Best Enterprise Reporting for "Dubai Handcuffs," NY Associated Press, 2011
- Special Mention, Best Enterprise Reporting for "Swap Shop Investigation," NY Associated Press, 2012

