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Experience

Reporter/Investigative Reporter, KSTP, St. Paul, MN **January 2017 – Present**

- Investigative reports resulted in changes to Army policy and city ordinances
- Pitch exclusive enterprise stories that lead daily newscasts
- Emphasis in crime and justice reporting
- Notable stories include: Minneapolis police officer convicted of murdering an Australian woman
- Research, write and report investigative stories
- Work on multiple long-term projects at a time, in addition to daily beat reporting responsibilities

Reporter/Fill-in Anchor, KOAT, Albuquerque, NM **June 2014 – December 2016**

- Enterprised lead stories for daily 10 p.m. newscast and reported on breaking news
- Fill-in anchor when needed
- Contributed stories to Target 7 investigative unit
- Used social media to source stories and engage with audience

Evening Anchor/Reporter, KNBN, Rapid City, SD **May 2013 – May 2014**

- Wrote, shot and edited stories as a general assignment reporter for daily newscasts
- Co-anchored the 10 p.m. newscast five days a week
- Generated story ideas ranging from localizing national issues to community-based features
- Wrote copy for website and posted on social media accounts

Assignment Desk Intern, CNN, New York, NY **January 2013 – April 2013**

- Researched and gathered news items around the northeast region of the United States
- Wrote news stories that were distributed on CNN's wire service
- Contributed to field reports by interviewing sources and gathering information for CNN correspondents, including during the Boston Marathon bombings and Hurricane Sandy recovery

News Intern, KCNC, Denver, CO **May 2012 – August 2012**

- Assisted reporters and photographers in the field on stories, including the Aurora theater shooting
- Produced, wrote, edited and anchored individual A-block segment
- Worked on the assignment desk researching news tips and helping to coordinate coverage

Education

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO **May 2013**
Bachelor of Arts: Journalism and Technical Communications, Minor: Political Science

Awards

- 2019 Upper Midwest Emmy Awards: Nominated in Investigative Report-Single Story
- 2019 Upper Midwest Emmy Awards: Nominated in Military-News Single Story

- 2013 Heartland Emmy Finalist: Student Achievement in Long Form Non-Fiction

Skills

- iNews, Final Cut Pro, Avid Newscutter
- Social media
- Comprehensive knowledge of court/legal documents

Volunteer Work

- Club Leader, Hennepin Hoofbeats 4-H Club, Plymouth, Minnesota, April 2018 to present