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Education

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate School of Journalism, Master's
Candidate | Narrative science writing &
investigative reporting
Graduation: May 2020

Ball State University

May 2018: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
and Anthropology; Minor in Spanish
Magna Cum Laude | Honors College |
Honors in Writing | Presidential Scholar

Honors/Awards

- 2019-20 Water Desk Reporting
Grantee
- 2019 Earth Journalism Network
Reporting Grantee
- 2018 Phi Kappa Phi
Graduate Fellowship
- 2018 Indiana College
Journalist of the Year
- 2017 Fulbright Fellow —
Berlin Capital Journalism Program
- 2017 Regional Emmy ®
Award Nominee
- 2017 SPJ Excellence in Journalism
Newsroom Reporter
- 2016 Indy Press Club
Keating Competition finalist
- Ball State Honors College
Research Fellow 2016-2017
- First place story | Hoosier State
Press Association
- First place story | Indiana Collegiate
Press Association
- Kappa Tau Alpha, Lambda Alpha
and Phi Kappa Phi inductee
- Four-time Columbia Gold Circle
Award Winner
- SPJ Excellence in Journalism
finalist
- Ball State Inglehart Journalism
Scholar

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reporting | editing | research

Experience

Investigative Reporting Program, Graduate Research Fellow

University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism | August 2019 - present

- Selected as the 2019-20 graduate fellow **to lead investigative stories** relating to environmental issues and the assisted living industry under the editorial direction of four-time Pulitzer Prize-winner David Barstow.
- Previously: Research and reporting assistant (October 2018 - May 2019). Responsible for gathering research and carrying out independent reporting (including traveling) for ongoing projects exploring juvenile justice and law enforcement corruption. Also worked as a reporter for the statewide California Reporting Project.

The Indianapolis Star, Pulliam Fellow

Indianapolis, Indiana | May - September 2019

- Reported on local news, law enforcement, health and the environment for the news and investigations desks. Accountability reporting continues at a distance in conjunction with the Investigative Reporting Program.

Oakland North, Health/Science/Environment Reporter

University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism | August 2018 - May 2019

- Covered stories in Oakland, California, on topics like air quality, health statistics and legislation affecting children's wellness. Reporting was independent and writing was completed on strict deadlines.

Investigative Reporting Workshop & The Washington Post, Reporting Intern

American University & The Washington Post, Washington, D.C. | May - August 2018

- Reported a long-form investigative piece on the Department of the Interior. Reported/collected records with The Washington Post's Investigative Team for its unsolved homicides project, **a 2019 Pulitzer-Prize Finalist**.

Ball State Daily News, Editor-in-Chief

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana | August 2017 - May 2018

- Oversaw a **staff of 100 students** producing 24/7 content for ballstatedaily.com and a 24-page weekly paper.
- Previously: Senior news editor (August 2016 - May 2017) and chief news reporter (August 2014 - May 2016). Led a section of 25 reporters as editor; responsible for all breaking news coverage and two special reporting projects. Spent two years reporting on crime and science beats; gained experience with public records.

National Park Service, Digital Content Producer

Remote — Muncie, Indiana | August 2017 - May 2018

- Wrote and edited content for NPS digital database. Pieces explored site histories and natural resources topics.

National Geographic Magazine, Editorial Intern

American Society of Magazine Editors, Washington, D.C. | May - August 2017

- Reported, edited and fact-checked print and online stories. Produced **more than 30 online articles** and wrote three front-of-book pieces for the print magazine on topics including science, space and the environment.

USA Today & USA Today College, News and Features Correspondent

Remote — Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana | January - June 2017

- Pitched and wrote original weekly stories on deadline. Responsible for composing enterprise pieces on topics that included university grade distributions, student technology security and environmental issues.

Smithsonian Institution, Multimedia and Research Intern

National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C. | May - August 2016

- Assisted in day-to-day media operations. Shot photos and videos during events for online packages. Conducted research and composed articles for NMAI Magazine and other digital projects.

Recent Projects

Author

Perry Township | August 2018 | Arcadia Publishing | www.arcadiapublishing.com
Researched and wrote a 120-page book about the 200-year history of Perry Township in Indianapolis.

Writer, Editor, Researcher

"Water Quality Indiana" | Fall 2016 | www.waterqualityin.com

Wrote and researched a 26-minute documentary on farming practices impacting water quality in the Gulf of Mexico.

Reporter, Assistant Editor

"BSU at the Games: Rio Olympics 2016" | Summer 2016 | www.rio.bsuatthegames.com

Reporter at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Wrote stories on-site and on intense deadlines.