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EXPERIENCE

CNN

July 2010 – present

- **Senior Writer:** I tackle some of the most challenging stories across the country, including major breaking news, explanatory articles, narrative features and investigations. I humanized the nationwide teachers' strikes by shadowing Oklahoma teachers who worked up to six jobs to pay their bills. I investigated why residents in St. Joseph, Louisiana, have endured dark brown tap water for years – with no help from the EPA or local government. I revealed alleged horrors reported by former gymnasts at Karolyi Ranch, an Olympic training site.
- **News Writer and Newsdesk Editor:** I combined original reporting with news feeds from colleagues around the world to produce stories for the CNN Wire, which delivers breaking news and comprehensive coverage across CNN's platforms and external subscribers. I wrote the first wave of stories about the killing of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan, culling fast-breaking news from colleagues covering the Pentagon, the Middle East, the White House and other sources.

KDAF-TV Dallas/Fort Worth

May 2009 – July 2010

- **On-Air Reporter and Videographer:** I produced, reported, shot and edited TV packages in a top five news market and fronted live shots for newscasts. As a criminal justice and government reporter, I broke news about the Dallas police chief's departure and covered the largest public corruption case in Dallas County history.
- **Web Producer:** I wrote breaking news and feature stories for KDAF's website, published video packages online and coached fellow TV reporters on writing for digital audiences.

The Dallas Morning News

May 2004 - April 2009

- **Crime, education and general assignment reporter:** I linked a series of homicides and broke the news about the retaliatory nature of the killings. The reporting culminated in an investigation into the drug-fueled turf wars plaguing the city. I uncovered embezzlement by a school librarian and profiled the first Hurricane Katrina evacuees to arrive in Dallas, following them on their daunting journey to start a new life in a different state.
- **Videographer:** I trained with a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist to produce, shoot and edit news videos and mini documentaries to accompany stories online.

AWARDS

- **Society for Features Journalism Awards, 2023**

The final installment of my "Orphans of Covid" series profiled four siblings who lost their single mother to Covid-19 – with no other family members to help them. The story won second place in the Society for Features Journalism Awards for narrative writing.

- **George Foster Peabody Awards. 2012 and 2013**

I wrote dozens of stories that contributed to CNN's Peabody wins for coverage of the Arab Spring uprisings and the Syrian civil war.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri

- Bachelor of Journalism in news-editorial sequence
- Minor in political science