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EXPERIENCE

Associated Press, New York, NY

Newsperson, Health and Science

- Pitch, report and write stories for the health and science team, balancing a mix of research news, enterprise features and science explainers tied to current events
- Lead AP's coverage of scientific topics including paleontology, human origins and ancient DNA, while quickly picking up on a range of other fields as needed, from nuclear fusion to health equity
- Monitor science journals and evaluate upcoming studies for coverage; translate complex research into clear and compelling stories for a general audience
- Coordinate multimedia elements including photo, video and graphics to accompany stories

Aug. 2022–
present

Spectrum News 1, Milwaukee, WI

Digital Journalist / Report for America Corps Member

- Published 200+ stories as the first digital reporter at Spectrum News 1 in Wisconsin
- Led coverage on public health and science, including explainers and data stories on COVID-19 and features on climate and environment; jumped in on breaking news including elections, protests
- Produced photo and video elements for digital and broadcast; appeared in segments on air

Jun. 2020–
Jun. 2022

The New York Times, New York, NY

COVID-19 Data Team Freelancer

- Was an initial member of the team that provided research, data analysis and reporting for Pulitzer-winning initiative to track coronavirus cases in the U.S.; contributed 480+ hours of freelance work
- Monitored the virus's spread in counties, long-term care facilities and other significant outbreaks

Mar. 2020–
Jun. 2020

CNN, Atlanta, GA

Southeast Bureau Intern

- Supported CNN coverage of southeast U.S. by researching stories, coordinating sources, assisting on field shoots, translating; focused on immigration, elections; wrote online stories for CNN Digital Trends team

Jun. 2019–
Aug. 2019

Smithsonian Magazine, Washington, DC

Editorial Intern

- Wrote 23 stories for website and articles for weekly newsletter, covering science, history, art and culture
- Contributed research, fact checked stories and participated in pitch meetings for print magazine

Apr. 2019–
Jun. 2019

The Daily Northwestern, Evanston, IL

Print Managing Editor (Mar. 2018–Jun. 2018, Dec. 2018–Mar. 2019)

- Directed print content for award-winning student paper; edited stories from all sections for accuracy, balance and style; laid out pages and wrote display copy; managed and trained staff of about 70 students

Sep. 2016–
Jun. 2020

Other positions held: *Campus Editor, Arts & Culture Editor, Web Editor, Reporter*

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Evanston, IL

- Bachelor of Science in Journalism; Master of Science in Journalism, science writing track; Spanish minor
- Summa Cum Laude | Kappa Tau Alpha | GPA: 3.99/4.00
- Studied Spanish language alongside local students in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from July-Dec. 2018

Sep. 2016–
Jun. 2020

SKILLS

- **Editing:** Experience with editing, copy editing, fact-checking, research, AP style
- **Technical:** Proficient in WordPress, social media, Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Premiere, Photoshop)
- **Language:** Professional proficiency in Spanish
- **Organizations:** Steering committee, The Uproot Project; member, AAJA and SEJ
- **Awards:** Milwaukee Press Club Excellence in Journalism Awards 2022, 2021 and 2020; Medill Harrington Award for Subject Depth 2020 (Health, Environment and Science)
- **Interests:** Gaming the Broadway lotteries, crossword puzzling, consuming as much Peak TV as possible

Website:

