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Skills

- Sound news judgement with proven ability to identify and program for the most important stories of the day.
- Proven ability to report, write and edit digital and broadcast stories on deadline.
- Proven ability to juggle several edits from various reporters throughout the day.
- Proven ability to reporting/produce online content, including coordinating photos and video for the web.
- Proven ability to work in a fast-paced, news-driven environment.
- Proven ability to manage teams and delegate work.
- Fluency across social media platforms.

Education

University of Kentucky
B.A. in Journalism and Political Science, Minor in Philosophy
Graduated: May 2010
University of Maryland, CP
M.A. of Journalism
Graduated: December 2014

References

Available upon request.

Experience

Freelance Reporter/Producer

(April 2021 – Present)
Journalist and producer for-hire based in Manila, Philippines

NPR, Producer/Editor/Reporter – “Morning Edition”

Washington, DC (Feb. 2015 – April 2021)
- Show duties included producing/editing host interviews and correspondent stories; Directing/Line Producing; reporting original stories and features for air
- Oversaw and executed major reporting projects in the field, foreign and domestic
- Reporter and editor for content published on NPR’s *Morning Edition*, *NewsDesk*, *NewsCast* and *NPR World*.

Freelance Reporter/Producer

(Aug. 2013 – Feb. 2015) The Baltimore Sun, NPR, Free Speech Radio News

UMD Capital News Service, Health Reporter – DC Bureau

(Sept. 2014 – Dec. 2014)

The Voice of America – English News Asian Division, Reporting Intern

Washington, DC (April to Aug. 2014)

89.3 WRKF, NPR Member Station, Reporter/Host

Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Feb. 2012 – Nov. 2013)

NPR, Summer Intern turned Freelance Producer – “Morning Edition”

Washington, DC (June 2011 – February 2012)

Fellowships, Awards & Responsibilities

1st Place General News, La. AP Broadcasters Assoc. -- WRKF, 2012

1st & 3rd Place General News, La. AP Broadcasters Assoc. -- WRKF, 2013

2nd Place Spot News, La. AP Broadcasters Assoc. -- WRKF, 2013

East-West Center, 2018 Jefferson Fellowship

Populism, Identity and the State of Democracy in Southeast Asia
Hawaii, HI; Singapore; The Philippines; Malaysia

International Center for Journalists, Community Health Reporting Fellow

Appalachia (Summer 2014)

International Center for Journalists, International Reporting Fellow

Manila, Philippines (July 2013)

Morning Edition Diversity Council, President & Lead on Source Tracking

May 2020 to April 2021

International Reporting Experience

- Lebanon (2010)
- The Philippines (2013, 2018, 2019)
- Bangladesh (2017)
- Malaysia, Singapore (2018)
- Laos, China (2019)
- French Polynesia (2021)