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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 manage teams of producers and editors, and delegate work on a daily radio news magazine show.
- Proven ability to efficiently edit reporters and correspondents for air remotely.
- Proven ability to report, edit and produce online content, including coordinating photos and video for the Web.
- Proven ability to work in a fast-paced, news-driven environment... even remotely.
- Deep institutional knowledge of NPR and Public Radio

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)

Reporter, audio producer and editor for-hire.

- On-air reporter and bylines at NPR and PRI's *The World*
- Occasional producer for NPR's *All Things Considered*, *Weekend Edition Saturday/Sunday*
- Occasional Overnight Digital and Broadcast Editor for NPR NewsDesk

Fearless Media, Senior Field Producer/Host – “Ukraine Stories”

(March-May 2022)

Traveled to Ukraine for 5 weeks to produce 20 episodes of *Ukraine Stories* podcast for Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon. Character scouted, interviewed, lead on-the-ground audio production/recording and logistics – including travel and coordinating local Ukrainian colleagues. Also managed team that produced Russian translation of five podcast episodes.

NPR, Producer I – “Morning Edition”

Washington, DC (Feb. 2015 – April 2021)

- Show duties included pitching, producing and editing host interviews and correspondent stories; Directing/Line Producing; pitching and reporting original stories and features for air and digital.
- 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*.

Bylines & positions elsewhere:

The Baltimore Sun, *Free Speech Radio News*, *UMD Capital News Service*, *Voice of America*, *89.3 WRKF (NPR Member Station)*

Fellowships, Awards & Responsibilities

Alliance For Women In Media – Gracie Award, 2021

For NPR's coverage of the George Floyd demonstrations in Minneapolis, Minn.

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, 2021, 2022)
- Bangladesh (2017)
- Malaysia, Singapore (2018)
- Laos, China (2019)
- French Polynesia (2021)
- Ukraine (2022)