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REPORTING EXPERIENCE

Freelance Journalist, Various Publications

Aug. 2018 – present

New York, New York

Write science stories for outlets like *Atlas Obscura* and *BKLYNER*. Coverage featured in *Real Clear Science* and *Mother Jones*. Continually develop sourcing in museums, environmental agencies, and university systems, with a focus on archaeologists, biologists, and historians. Also conduct freelance fact-checking and use data-driven trends in story pitching.

Editorial Fellow, Atlas Obscura

Jul. 2019 – present

New York, New York

Covered archaeology, paleontology, biodiversity, and history stories as the inaugural yearlong fellow at a leading online travel publication. Pitched, reported, and wrote weekly shortform and feature stories, chasing down forgotten events and novel research that informed the present moment. Fact-checked three commissioned longform stories. Brought over 2 million visitors to the site to date. Worked on several teams to produce unique content series, personally handling the spring series on exercising from home during the coronavirus pandemic. Earned an honorable mention from SciShortForm for biology research coverage.

Coeditor, The Rice University Thresher

Dec. 2015 – May 2018

Houston, Texas

Coedited the university's weekly. Handled a weekly pitch process, wrote commentary pieces and news stories, one receiving a statewide first-place prize for breaking news reporting. Managed the section's social media, doubling its follower count to over 1,500.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Judicial Intern, Fifth Circuit, Southern District of Texas

Dec. 2017 – April 2018

Houston, Texas

Drafted judicial opinions, briefs, and memoranda for one of the Southern District of Texas' two magistrate judges. Conducted research in WestLaw and LexisNexis and wrote on social security, disability benefits, and patent disputes. Assisted judge in courtroom proceedings.

Provenance Researcher, Collection Analysis Collaborative

April 2017 – Sep. 2017

Houston, Texas

Analyzed Mediterranean object files at the Menil Collection, translated original documents in French and traced provenance histories. Mapped object find-sites in ArcGIS, and provided insights to help combat illegal archaeology.

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, New York

August 2018—May 2019

Master of Science, focus on science journalism with coursework in longform narrative writing, digital investigations, data and computational journalism. Covered Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, reporting on local issues, including the K2 drug epidemic, economic inequality, job insecurity, and Department of Sanitation neglect. Wrote a master's thesis on gender and race disparities in city monuments, and created a web-scraped cartographic dataset of the monuments to supplement the writing.

Rice University, Houston, Texas

August 2014 – May 2018

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Religious Studies, Minors in Sociology; Politics, Law, and Social Thought.

Coursework in the Abrahamic faiths and cultural heritage, research in the Middle East. Saba Prize winner, Blankfeld Research Fellow. Semester abroad at **King's College, London**, with coursework in philosophy and religion in England.

SKILLS

Mapping: ArcGIS, QGIS, OpenStreetMap, Sentinel, Planet Explorer

Data: Python, R, SQL, HTML, CSS, UNIX, Excel

Research: LexisNexis, Pacer, WestLaw, Factiva, JSTOR, OSINT

Other: Adobe Creative Suite, InDesign