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Lifelong learner

Adviser

Justice seeker

Storyteller

Vocalist

EDUCATION

- **Master of Arts, Investigative Journalism** | Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication
 - Roy W. Howard Fellowship
 - Graduated Dec. 2021
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.5
- **Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology** | Bates College
 - Graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with Honors | **Minors:** Asian Studies, Music
 - Junior Study Abroad Programs: Wheaton College in Bhutan; Bates College in Jamaica
- **Languages:** Conversational in **Bahasa Indonesia/Malay** | Beginner in **Japanese**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **College & Career Coordinator** | 12 Plus | Philadelphia, PA Since July 2024
 - Provide CCR counseling to students and track their progress qualitatively using AirTable
 - Train and mentor new cohort of Fellows in college/career advising methods and content
 - Interface with site team and school staff in planning and executing CCR field trips, events and programs
 - Run the PLUS Center whenever site supervisor is out or away
- **12 Plus Fellow** Aug. 2023 - June 2024
 - Advised more than 200 students at all grade levels on college and career resources/ opportunities
 - Instilled academic culture by planning, publicizing and leading workshops, field trips, and school events
 - Helped seniors meet graduation requirements, apply to postsecondary programs, & obtain financial aid
- **Mentor Leader** | Pizza Brain Restaurant | Philadelphia, PA Sept. 2022 - June 2023
 - Trained new team members in pizza-making, food prep., cash-handling and opening/closing duties
 - Worked up to 11-hour shifts making pizzas to order for restaurant guests
 - Acted as a sounding board for fellow employees, raising their ideas and concerns to management
- **Community Storytelling Reporter** | The Burlington County Times | Cherry Hill, NJ May - Sept. 2022
 - Covered local labor and social issues, community events, state laws and commercial development
 - Expanded publication's coverage to historically under-reported counties and townships in South Jersey
 - Wrote between 1-4 articles per week, both short- and longform, often balancing multiple stories at a time
 - Requested public records from state and national sources to corroborate reporting
 - Interviewed a wide range of sources, from certified experts to strangers in parking lots
- **Graduate Writing Tutor** | Arizona State University | Remote Feb - Aug. 2021
 - Led structured conversations with graduate and PhD students about how to improve their writing
 - Gave constructive feedback to students at all stages of the writing process, for a variety of academic topics

- **Business Reporter** | The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel | Milwaukee, WI May - Aug. 2021
 - Wrote for a local and national digital audience on business, economy, retail development and breaking news
 - Collaborated with associated regional papers on a statewide story on summer tourism and worker shortages
 - Reported independently on Wisconsin's red hot housing market driving prospective buyers to waive home inspections in the interest of outbidding competitors; a gamble that could cause unwanted, expensive surprises down the line.

- **Education (TEFL) Volunteer** | US Peace Corps | West Java, Indonesia March 2017 - May 2019
 - Co-taught English with local teachers at SMAN9 Garut, a public high school in rural West Java, for two years.
 - Designed and implemented educational projects like a school-wide English club, a world map mural, pen pal exchanges, conversational workshops and regional "English competitions."
 - Led and participated in intersectional workshops on gender, race, and student-centered teaching methods at regional conferences for Peace Corps Volunteers and site partners.

- **Staff Coordinator** | World Fellowship Center | Chatham, NH Summer 2016
 - Managed onboarding, housing, and work schedules for a summer staff of 35-40 people
 - Facilitated weekly all-staff meetings, 1-on-1 staff check-ins and manager meetings
 - Planned staff culture events and community-building activities like a trip to the local Drive-in, a secret-Santa style gift exchange, staff photos and inclusive games.

FREELANCE, VOLUNTEER, & CREATIVE WORK

- **Member, Justice & Belonging Committee** | World Fellowship Center | Remote Since Oct 2023
 - Work to make the World Fellowship Center more welcoming and inclusive to people of diverse experiences
 - Help with outreach and soliciting perspectives from current and past staff/volunteers

- **Musicianship** | Singer with relative pitch, an Alto range, and proficiency in keys, guitar, and the cello
 - Experienced singing for hire in studios, at weddings and funerals.
 - Managed the Pioneer Valley Symphony Youth Orchestra in Greenfield, MA for one year (2019-2020)
 - Choral: Participated in choirs like Unitus Ensemble (since 2021), Philharmonia (2022), and The Boston Children's Chorus (2003-2012)
 - Sang in A Capella groups, solo & duet performances, and Jazz Ensembles
 - Directed *Shrek the Musical* at Bates College in 2016, and accompanied Sarah Ruhl's *Melancholy Play* on solo cello with original compositions in 2015.
 - Performed weekly for guests at the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island during the summer of 2015