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EXPERIENCE

International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Washington, D.C. (Remote)— *Program Intern*

JAN 2021 – MAY 2021

Conducted contextual and gender analysis research for religious peacebuilding programming in South Asia and the Middle East. Monitored international news and created daily briefs of political and economic developments for staff. Developed concept notes about religious education and countering violent extremism.

Dr. Lia Wolock, Milwaukee, WI — *Research Assistant*

JAN 2021– MAY 2021

Compiled and analyzed South Asian American podcasts with an emphasis on the political solidarities and identity coalitions they display. Presented findings about the community-building potential of podcasts to the UWM Undergraduate Research Symposium.

UWM Minority Media Association, Milwaukee, WI—*Editor and Media Coordinator*

SEP 2020 – DEC 2020

Wrote short-form articles, advice and entertainment review columns for weekly collaborative newsletter. Started collaboration between MMA and the student-run newspaper, UWM Post. Edited peers' contributions to pieces about Milwaukee's diversity in a newsroom setting.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY —*M.S. in Journalism & M.A in Religion*

SEPT 2021 – MAY 2023

Covered historic religious institutions in Harlem and interfaith relations in New York City for multimedia feature stories. Trained in videography and investigative techniques. Coursework in religion reporting, literary journalism and historical feature writing. Working on a thesis about various religious responses to gun violence.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI —*B.A. in History, Religious Studies & Journalism*

SEPT 2018 – DEC 2020

Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a triple major. Studied comparative theology and historical religious conflict to contextualize present-day expressions of religion. Won awards for a multimedia story about a church's theological motives behind supporting the BLM movement and a video story about a grassroots Latino organization mobilizing voters for the 2020 election. Wrote thesis about anti-religious propaganda in communist Albania.

SKILLS

Videojournalism

Social Media

Feature Writing

AWARDS

SPJ 2020 Mark of Excellence

Awards: Feature Writing (Large 10,000+ Students) Winner, Television Feature Reporting Winner (Region 6)

Milwaukee Press Club: Short Soft Feature Story Winner, Feature Story Winner

Wisconsin Broadcast

Association: News Story-Writing (TV) Runner Up

Religion News Association:

Chandler Student Religion Reporting Finalist

LANGUAGES

Proficient Spanish,
Conversational Hindi

REFERENCES

Ari Goldman, Columbia Master's Project Advisor,
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