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EXPERIENCE

Omaha World-Herald

Courts and Justice Reporter

Feb. 2023 – present

- Cover crime and courts, from murder trials to the [federal indictment](#) of a sitting city councilman
- Use LexisNexis, PACER, and state court information systems to keep track of cases of interest

General Assignment Reporter

Aug. 2022 – Feb. 2023

- Full-time reporter covering a bit of everything with an emphasis on breaking news
- Published investigative stories on [fentanyl overdoses](#) and the [mass eviction](#) of an apartment complex

Metro News Intern

May – Aug. 2022

Night Cops Reporter

Jan. – May 2022

The Gateway

Editor-in-chief

April 2021 – June 2022

- Responsible for all aspects of online and print production of The Gateway, UNO's student-run publication
- Led a team of 15 student reporters and editors to produce daily online content and monthly print editions

Copy Editor

Aug. 2021 – April 2021

- Edited all print and online stories for content and adherence to AP style
- Assisted with online content management using WordPress and HootSuite

NOISE Omaha

Contributing Writer

July 2021 – Jan. 2022

- Covered American Rescue Plan Act funding and legislative redistricting for community news nonprofit

UNeTech Institute

Communications Intern

July 2021 – March 2022

- Produced blog and social media content for university-supported startup incubator

Omaha Daily Record

Staff Writer

Jan. 2020 – July 2021

- Wrote features, profiles and news briefs on Omaha's law and business communities
- Received first place award for single feature story from the Nebraska Press Association for reporting on the right to legal counsel in eviction proceedings

Catalyze Evaluation

Research Assistant and Internship Coordinator

May 2018 – July 2021

- Conducted hundreds of interviews, primarily with youth, for a variety of participatory research projects
- Presented findings to grantee organizations and at local and national conferences, including American Evaluation Association conference (2019, 2020) and CityMatCH Conference (2019)
- Supervised a total of nine interns over two years as they designed and executed original research projects
- Conducted basic statistical analyses using SPSS

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska at Omaha

B.S. in Medical Humanities

December 2022

- Interdisciplinary study of health humanities, narrative medicine, creative writing among many electives
- Minor in journalism with ~80% of major requirements completed
- Recipient of Omaha Press Club Paul N. Williams Scholarship (2021)