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EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, N.Y.

(May 2022)

Master of Arts – Science Journalism, with a focus on climate change • Courses including investigative techniques, narrative writing, and environmental and medical reporting • Coursework on coastal city adaptation to sea-level rise • Reported on “burn loving” fungi that help forests recover after wildfire by restoring burned soil and potentially reducing erosion; American scientists using NFTs to publish and fund their research • Wrote an 8,000-word narrative story about how New Orleans is coping with rising sea levels and extreme weather events

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

(June 2014)

Bachelor of Arts – Liberal Arts and Sciences, Economics

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Energy Reporter, Thomson Reuters, New York/United States

(Sept. 2023 – Present)

Report on the oil and power markets • Write breaking news and initiative stories about power pricing and grid problems, as well as international energy flows and investment trends across the sector

Ignites Reporter, Financial Times Group, New York/United States

(July 2022 – Aug. 2023)

Report and write at least three stories per week for the online daily newsletter • Mine public documents and develop a network of sources to generate scoops • Contribute to all storytelling formats, including features, news, graphics and other visualizations

Freelance Writer, Various publications

(July 2019 – July 2023)

Wrote about politics, technology, and the environment in China and Southeast Asia • Wrote *The Offset* – a monthly newsletter focusing on renewable energy, electric vehicles, and emerging technologies like carbon capture • Contributed articles to Foreign Policy, Quartz, TechCrunch China, REVOLVE Magazine, and others • Story highlights include: a feature about how Taiwan bolstered its global standing by supplying masks and medical supplies to allies; a long-form narrative story about Indonesia’s growing palm oil industry and its link to deforestation in Northern Sumatra, one of Asia’s largest carbon sink

Senior Journalist, Tech in Asia, Remote

(April 2020 – Apr. 2021)

Wrote 3-4 feature stories per month, covering China and Southeast Asia’s technology scene • Covered stories about start-ups accelerating online businesses during the peak of the pandemic • Interviewed founders and executives of high-profile companies, including ecommerce giant Alibaba and TikTok owner ByteDance • Assisted with editorial duties including copy editing and regular appearances on the company’s podcast

Technology Reporter, TechNode, Beijing and Shanghai/China

(December 2017 – Apr. 2020)

Wrote 3-4 news articles per week and 1-2 feature stories per month about China’s emerging technology trends • Covered Beijing’s crackdown on cryptocurrency and the mass exodus of start-ups; how the country built its electric vehicle market from the ground up • Moderated panels and fireside chats at international conferences including TechCrunch Hangzhou and Shenzhen

SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

Languages: Chinese (native or bilingual), English (native or bilingual), French (novice)

Multimedia: Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, After Effects, WordPress, Podcast Production

Data and technology: R Coding, HTML

Volunteer Work: Khan Academy, World Vision

Affiliation: Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), National Association of Science Writers (NASW), Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE)

REFERENCES

Marguerite Holloway – Director of Science and Environmental Journalism at Columbia: mholloway@columbia.edu

Terence Lee – Editor-in-Chief at Tech in Asia: terence@techinasia.com

Colum Murphy – China Government Reporter at Bloomberg: colum.murphy@gmail.com