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Experience

Freedom of the Press Foundation

New York, NY

Editorial Intern - U.S. Press Freedom Tracker

January 2024-Present

- Plan, research, report and write articles detailing press freedom aggressions by the state, police and independent actors on the local, state and federal level across the United States.
- Work with Tracker team to build and advertise Election Blog, which documents press freedom aggressions during the 2024 campaign season at the federal level, by sorting through social media, videos and livestreams.
- Organized and led Student Press Freedom Day Event, where I will host and moderate a panel aimed at helping student journalists understand their press rights, how to document incidents of press freedom violations using the Tracker and utilize cybersecurity resources.
- Create tailored social media content for Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok and Twitter/X using audience analytics and engagement.

The Columbia Missourian

Columbia, MO

Reporter - Homelessness, Health and Higher Education

August 2023-December 2023

- Pitched and developed enterprise stories, including on the University of Missouri Law School Veterans Clinic.
- Communicated and established professional relationships with University of Missouri officials and Public Information Officers from various local and national organizations.
- Filed records requests with state and local organizations, including the University of Missouri.

Reporter - Homelessness, City/County Government

January-May 2023

- Breaking news reporter writing stories on quick deadlines.
- Reported on local government policies and politics, including city council meetings and members.
- During 2023 general election, analyzed and uploaded data onto Missourian website using county clerk's records.
- Took issues on the ballot and turned them into larger stories to represent community discussions and opinions.
- In 2023, won Best News or Feature Series at the Missouri Press Association Awards for reporting on eviction of unhoused residents from one of Columbia's largest tent cities.

Kansas City Magazine

Kansas City, MO

Editorial Intern

June-September 2023

- Pitched and reported on original stories for the magazine's news, arts and culture sections.
- Localized national stories, such as the Supreme Court Affirmative Action ruling, and reported on the effects to local colleges and universities.

The Maneater

Columbia, MO

News Editor

June-December 2022

- Professionally managed a team of more than 15 reporters, guiding them through the pitching and reporting process.
- Edited stories for AP Style, grammar, structure and accuracy.

Reporter - News, Arts and Culture

August 2021-May 2022

- Attended weekly pitch meetings, developed multiple stories of interest to the MU community.
- Served as a beat reporter for the Missouri Students Association elections in April 2022, where I interviewed the candidates, reported on debates and broke down their stances on different topics.

Education

- University of Missouri, May 2025, Bachelors in Journalism

Skills

- Fluent in English and Spanish
- Utilizing CMS, SEO and Excel
- AP Style and copy editing