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Education

Northeastern University, College of Arts, Media and Design

Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and International Affairs

Professional Experience

Disability Justice Project

Kampala, Uganda

Associate Producer/Videographer

Anticipated July-August 2025

- **Video Production:** Working with Disability Justice Project filmmakers based in Uganda to produce a series of videos examining climate change and disability in global majority nations.
- **Scripting/Transcription:** Working one-on-one with each filmmaker to co-write the script to best encapsulate the local perspective of disabled human rights defenders.
- **Videography:** Traveling alongside Editor-in-Chief Jody Santos for 10 days to assist in filming interviews and b-roll footage of filmmakers in Uganda for each video.

Reinventing Local TV News Project

Boston, MA

Lead Video Producer/Researcher

May 2024 - Present

- **Team Organization:** Organizes and manages the video team, ensuring content is meeting deadlines, aids in the development of brand identity and promotes clear communication between team and management.
- **Social Media Video Production:** Produces and manages videos highlighting the Streaming Content Producer at WCBS for digital platforms.
- **Research and Analysis:** Researches, identifies and analyzes underreported stories in the New York City media market, utilizing innovative storytelling to bridge the gap between communities and local newsrooms.
- **Producing Plans:** Assists in developing stories for the WCBS and WCVB-TV Streaming Content Producers by pitching ideas, conducting background research and pre-interviewing potential sources.

The Above Ground Railroad: Helping People Stay Settled Documentary

Boston, MA

Executive Producer

January - July 2025

- **Documentary Production:** Produces an in-depth short-form documentary that profiles the grassroots activists, community organizers and local leaders who are mobilizing support and resources for immigrant communities across Massachusetts.
- **Script Writing:** Co-writes a full script for a 15-minute documentary, shaping interviews into a cohesive narrative arc to highlight the emotional and social impact of the story.
- **Conducting Interviews:** Interviews activists, immigrants, grassroots organization leaders and high profile government officials, such as Boston's Mayor Wu, to capture diverse perspectives and firsthand experiences within the local community.
- **Research:** Conducts extensive research on immigration policies, historical context and personal narratives to inform and enhance the storytelling of immigration in Boston.

WCVB-TV

Needham, MA

Production Intern at Chronicle

January - April 2025

- **Updates/Pitches:** Conducted research for story development and updated material for episode re-airs.
- **Assist on Shoots:** Supported producers with on-location and studio shoots by assisting in operation set up.
- **Archiving Material:** Assisted in archiving all video material.
- **Content Writer & Segment Assistance:** Wrote headlines and subheadings for online video content and provided draft scripts of Chronicle segments.

Pulse of Peru/WCVB’s Chronicle <i>Producer/Videographer</i>	Lima, Peru <i>July - August 2024</i>
● TV News Production: Collaborated with WCVB-TV for five weeks as part of a global reporting team in Peru, producing an episode of the TV news magazine <i>Chronicle</i>. ● Published Documentary: Produced, filmed, edited and worked alongside translators to create <i>Seeking Solace: Immigration in Peru</i>, for Northeastern University's online magazine Pulse of Peru, a documentary focused on Venezuelan immigrants in Lima, Peru while exploring the struggles, resilience and support systems of the immigrant community.	

Baha’i International Community’s United Nations Office <i>Intern</i>	New York, NY <i>January - June 2024</i>
● Multimedia Production: Produced, filmed and edited a video profile on the experiences of interns and UN representatives at the BIC. ● Published Articles: Published perspective and news articles for the BIC website about current events at the United Nations. ● Podcast Support: Assisted in transcribing audio material and producing thematic narratives for the <i>UN Necessary</i> podcast, aligning content with key messages for the Summit of the Future. ● Statement Review: Reviewed and edited official UN statements, with a focus on interdependence and providing a youth perspective. ● Event Photography: Captured high-quality images at United Nations conferences and meetings, documenting key moments and speakers for use in official publication and social media. ● Discourse Research: Conducted research on media, social development, gender equality, youth, global governance and multilateralism to inform UN representatives and researchers.	

Achievements & Awards

National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, New England Emmy Awards ● Nominated, Historical/Cultural Long Form Content (2025): Chronicle: Exploring Peru ● Honorable Mention, College/University Non-fiction Short Form (2025): Seeking Solace: Immigration in Peru ● Winner, College/University Multimedia Journalist (2024): Solidarity on American Soil. ● Winner, College/University Non-fiction Short Form (2024): From Soil to Cup.	Boston, MA
Paul E. Hirshon Byline Award ● Awarded for academic excellence and commitment to professional ethics.	Boston, MA <i>April 2025</i>
CAMD Group Award for Creative and Research Accomplishment ● Awarded for path breaking research to reinvent local television news and make it relevant for a younger audience through the use of social media.	Boston, MA <i>May 2025</i>
Joe Thomas Explore the World Scholarship ● Selected for outstanding global engagement and commitment to cross-cultural storytelling.	Boston, MA <i>April 2024</i>
College Conversation: CAMD Panel <i>Panel Speaker</i> ● Served as a panelist speaking to underclassmen students about Northeastern University's journalism programs, sharing insights on coursework, opportunities, and career pathways in the field.	Boston, MA <i>March 2025</i>
Journalism at Northeastern University Panel <i>Panel Speaker</i> ● Served as a panelist speaking to first-year journalism students about Northeastern University's journalism programs, sharing insights on coursework, opportunities, and career pathways in the field.	Boston, MA <i>October 2024</i>

Skills

Digital-First Production, Non-linear Editing, Mobile Journalism, Interviewing, AP Style Writing, Audience Engagement & Analytics
