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PROFILE

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EDUCATION

2022 - 2026

Syracuse University: Bachelor's of Science

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

- **Major:** Magazine, News, Digital Journalism

College of Arts and Sciences

- **Major:** Psychology
- GPA: 3.8, Dean's List (all semesters)
- "Invest in SUccess" Scholar
- Internship Funding Award Recipient

ACTIVITIES

- Investigative Reporters and Editors
- Online News Association
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Newhouse Peer Advisers
- Dynamic Sustainability Lab
- Women in Communications

SKILLS

- Datawrapper, HTML, CSS
- AP style, MLA, APA
- Adobe Premiere Pro, InDesign
- Google Sheets
- Limited working Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

Newsroom Intern, CBS News and Stations

Los Angeles, CA | 06/2024 - 08/2024

- Shadowed reporters in field and interview sources
- Pitched stories in daily editorial meetings
- Assisted with data visualization and sourcing for investigative projects
- Analyzed state transportation data and logged interviews
- Monitored feeds for story ideas and sources on the assignment desk

Assistant Editor, The Good Life Magazine

Syracuse, NY | 04/2024 - Present

- Lead a team of 20 writers and section editors
- Write and publish solutions journalism article in print and online media
- Review content and assist with sourcing
- Review pitches and select stories
- Copyedit to align with AP style, maintaining consistent magazine voice
- Structure magazine and design layout

Contributing Writer, TheNewhouse.com

Syracuse, NY | 08/2022 - Present

- Wrote and published online articles under tight deadlines
- Researched relevant topics such as crime, entertainment media and campus culture
- Analyzed issues in news, culture and entertainment
- Pitched stories and collaborated with editors
- Covered campus events and interviewed sources

Reporter, The Infodemic

Syracuse, NY | 09/2022 - 05/2023

- Researched issues of misinformation in true crime media
- Interviewed crime victims and expert sources
- Co-wrote a long-form article for the annual project
- Collaborated with editors to review content
- Worked with designers and social media team to promote content on Instagram

News Writer, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Syracuse, NY | 08/2024 - Present

- Write news/feature stories and announcements for website and alumni magazine, *Maxwell Perspective*
- Copyedit with AP style and university editorial style
- Interview sources and fact-check story
- Drafted multimedia elements for socials