



QUALIFICATIONS

Accomplished reporter with 15 years of experience telling stories in radio, television, digital and print, looking to combine his skills in data analysis and investigative journalism to create a better-informed community.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who learns quickly, works well solo or with a team and perseveres under pressure.

Additional skills include:

- R/Python/Excel
- FOIA/Records requests
- API/web scraping
- Svelte/JavaScript
- HTML/various CMS
- GitHub Actions

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

DATA ANALYSIS & INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

- Pitched and reported data-driven investigations for USA TODAY and NPR, partnering with national and regional correspondents to emphasize national news' impact upon local audiences.
- Used R and Python to clean and analyze data sets obtained through web scraping, APIs and public records requests at USA TODAY and NPR.
- Conceptualized and calculated a vulnerability index as principal data reporter for the Howard Center's nationally published investigation into COVID-19's effect on the homeless.
- Wrote investigative reports and applied strong attention to detail to edit and fact-check articles as the Dow Jones News Fund copy editor at the Center for Investigative Reporting.
- Led a 40-member team as editor-in-chief of Miami University's student newspaper after three years as a beat reporter.

ON-THE-GROUND MULTIMEDIA REPORTING

- Pitched and reported local and state news at KJZZ in Phoenix.
- Reported and produced *Three Little Words*, a 5-part Tampa Bay Times podcast on a Florida family's secret struggle with HIV.
- Hosted, reported and produced the weekly *Coronavirus in Florida* podcast and produced the weekly *WriteLane* podcast for The Tampa Bay Times. Organized and led newsroom trainings to build audio reporting skills among print journalists.
- Reported breaking news and features as fisheries beat reporter at KDLG Public Radio in Alaska. Hosted and produced a daily radio show on the world's largest wild salmon fishery.
- Won Cincinnati SPJ's Best Health/Medical Story (2018) with a radio piece exploring the stigma of HIV and homosexuality in the city's African-American community.

EDUCATION

ARIZONA STATE (2020)

MA: INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Outstanding Graduate Student

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (2010)

BA: JOURNALISM

BA: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Summa cum laude

Minor in Italian Studies

TRANSOM AUDIO STORY WORKSHOP (2019)

CAREER TIMELINE

