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Professional Summary

Experienced journalist with a passion for breaking news and politics focused on delivering reliable information, building and engaging diverse audiences, and driving storytelling innovation. Background covering stories in the Middle East and South America. Former semi-professional hockey player. I strive to bring both excellence and joy to my work.

Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, N.Y. August 2021

Master of Science, with a focus on local and national reporting, plus training in investigative reporting techniques, long-form narrative writing and audio production. Highlights included:

- Reported, wrote and edited stories about New York's taxi medallion crisis, investigated a plastics manufacturing company and produced local news focused on the Upper West Side
- Continued to interview sources in-person and over Zoom during the pandemic; filed stories on the impact of COVID-19 on the Upper West Side community
- Master's Project: long-form story about taxi medallion owners in New York City

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, Calif. August 2017

Bachelor of Arts and Science, English and Political Science. Senior thesis: long-form story about settlement activity in Hebron and the West Bank, which was published in U.C. Santa Barbara's Global Societies Journal. Graduated with Honors.

Experience

Editor, Industry Intelligence Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. May 2019 – February 2021

Pitched, edited and wrote stories for a subscription-based digital news service focused on the packaging and automotive industries – two sectors greatly impacted by COVID-19. Completed two to three feature stories per week and edited others' work on deadline. Compiled events calendars and letters to the editor for publication.

Content Writer, Blue Lifestyle Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. June 2018 – January 2020

Pitched and wrote daily stories for a nationally syndicated radio show and online publication focused on culture and lifestyle. Wrote two to four online stories per week and contributed reporting for longer, in-depth stories for later publication. Highlights included covering Los Angeles Teacher Union strike in 2019.

Contributing Writer, The Culture-ist, New York, N.Y. September 2017 – September 2018

Wrote monthly articles for digital publication focused on culture and travel. Highlights included an in-depth feature profile covering a Peruvian san pedro shaman and a silent meditation retreat in Thailand.

Skills and Activities

- **Digital:** Audio editing with Adobe Audition and Pro Tools, digital editing, slide shows and spreadsheets
- **Investigative:** Experience with public court records using PACER and LexisNexis, FOIA requests, SEC filings, nonprofit Form 990's, corporate finance analysis and crime statistics
- **Membership:** Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE)
- **Editor:** Berkeley Fiction Review and The Daily Californian
- **Other:** Former semi-professional hockey player, captain of U.C. Berkeley's men's ice hockey team

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