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EXPERIENCE:

Staff Writer | Southeast Ohio magazine

AUGUST 2020 – DECEMBER 2020 | ATHENS, OHIO

- Wrote several feature-style stories varying in length (600 to 1,000 words) for print and web

Department Editor & Design Team Member | Southeast Ohio magazine

AUGUST 2020 – DECEMBER 2020 | ATHENS, OHIO

- Worked with three writers to edit their 800-1,000-word pieces for the "Talking Points" section
- Worked with design team to create graphics and magazine layouts

Multi-Media Reporter (MMJ) | Meigs Independent Press

OCTOBER 2020 – CURRENT | MEIGS, OHIO

- Researched & created digital content on general news for Meigs County 23 thousand residents

Freelancer | Various Publications

AUGUST 2017 – CURRENT |

- Wrote long-form features, columns and music reviews for Live Local Athens, The Post, The Odyssey

MMJ | WOUB, Center for Public Media

MAY 2019 – AUGUST 2020 | ATHENS, OHIO

- Worked with technical crew, on camera, prompter or floor director, for a daily 30-minute television news broadcast
- Researched & wrote general news interest stories for six million potential viewers in southeast Ohio

Black Alumni Reunion Weekend | Ohio University

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2019 | ATHENS, OHIO

- Coordinated & planned events & media coverage for the three-day weekend

PR Capital Campaign | Mount Zion Historical Preservation Society

MAY 2019 – AUGUST 2019 | ATHENS, OHIO

- Created a press kit, Rebranded an organization from ground up
- Released a news video, a press release & pamphlet handout to local media
- Created strategy & goal for raising capital for an historical non-profit organization
- Collaborated with *National Endowment for the Arts* (NEA)

Columnist | The Post

AUGUST 2018 – MAY 2019 | ATHENS, OHIO

- Wrote a weekly editorial, short format column about LGBT topics for Ohio University's campus audience, based on audience engagement

Event and Media Coordinator | Ohio University LGBT Center

AUGUST 2017 – MAY 2019 | ATHENS, OHIO

LEADERSHIP, AWARDS & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES:

- Association of LGBTQ Journalist Conference—October 23-24, 2020
- Society of Professional Journalist (SPJ) Member —2020-2021
- National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Conference—August 5-8, 2020
- Richard O. Linke Scholarship—May 2020
- "Celebrating Women: Leaders on and off the Court" Award—February 2020
- President of SHADES, a Queer P.O.C. Student Organization—2019, 2020
- "Unearthing Architectural Pieces Built by Free Born & Enslaved Black Americans in Athens County." Paper accepted for presentation at Appalachian Studies Association Conference — October 2019
- "Tracing Perception of the Roots." interview with *NEA* Citizen's Institute on Rural Design Architect, Omar Hakeem — November 2020.

EDUCATION: Ohio University E.W. Scripps School of Journalism | Bachelor of Science in Journalism

GRADUATION DATE: MAY 2021 | GPA: 3.5 | MINOR: AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

SKILLS:

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Premier, eNPS
- Accurate Researching, Fact-Checking and Reporting
- Excellent Grammar and AP Style, Editing
- Detail-Oriented
- Timely Pitches & Story Ideas
- Team Collaboration
- Strong Interviewer with Sources
- Creative Problem-Solving