

# BASHIRAH MACK

## SKILLS

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Writing, Research, Editing, Interviewing, Reporting, Fact-Checking, Transcription, Story Pitching, CMS, Medium, WordPress, Photo, Audio & Video Editing

Software: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Audition, Premiere Pro

## EDUCATION

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University of California, Berkeley 2022  
Master of Journalism

Loyola University Chicago 2008  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
Islamic World Studies, Black World Studies

University of Ghana 2007  
Study Abroad

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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01/2019 - 09/2019

### FREELANCER

#### Research Assistant

- Completed research, secondary reporting, fact-checking & FOIA requests for upcoming non-fiction book about refugees
- Transcribed 75 hours of audio interviews for data reference & qualitative analysis
- Coded & filed transcribed interviews in spreadsheet according to story themes
- Constructed story timelines including personal narratives around major world events
- Researched Chicago neighborhood demographics, crime statistics, trauma & refugee resettlement to inform storyline

02/2019 - 04/2019

### WYPR – BALTIMORE PUBLIC RADIO

#### Field Producer

- Identified & pitched North Lawndale neighborhood as location for special [Chicago episode](#) of [Out of the Blocks](#) audio documentary podcast
- Served as ambassador between show hosts, producers & local community
- Conducted research & interviews in the field
- Created & managed spreadsheets of sources, interview schedules & correspondence

01/2018 - 06/2018

### WBEZ – CHICAGO PUBLIC MEDIA

#### Multimedia Production Intern

- Supported digital production of WBEZ Curious City show from researching story pitches to multimedia production & editing
- Reported & [produced web feature](#) which generated 3,600 unique page views in the first week & significant social media engagement from the Evanston small business community
- Provided [production assistance](#) for video story & produced original story graphics & digital photography for web & social media

10/2017 - 10/2018

### CITY BUREAU

#### Investigative Reporting Fellow

- One of 23 journalists selected for Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 to collaborate, investigate & report stories from Chicago's South & West Sides
- Produced [new reporting](#) & generated new readership on the Chicago police Sgt. Ronald Watts corruption scandal
- Reported & fact-checked [legal toolkit for prisoners & families](#) navigating post-conviction in Illinois Appellate Court
- Co-hosted live public newsroom in Kenwood-Hyde Park neighborhood with 50 guests in attendance to bring local reporting on opioid epidemic to residents and community stakeholders