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Summary

I have been a full-time reporter for more than five years. Today, I report for the Portland Business Journal, part of the American City Business Journals (ACBJ). My other work has run on the front pages of The Wall Street Journal and USA Today. I am writing a book on housing for Oregon State University Press.

My skills include: news writing; investigative journalism; business journalism; fact-checking; copy editing; digital media; photography; and developing and interviewing sources.

Experience

Real Estate and Finance Reporter

Portland Business Journal

Jan 2020 - Present (2 years 5 months +)

- Keep ahead of competitors with authoritative real estate coverage in Oregon's largest city for an award-winning publication.
- Publish business news stories that regularly result in subscription conversions.
- Produce a mix of long-form enterprise stories (including an investigation into mortgage disparities in the U.S.) and quick-turn, breaking news pieces.
- Distill complex business jargon and events into easy-to-read stories for busy readers.

Business and City Hall Reporter

Statesman Journal / Gannett

Sep 2016 - Jan 2020 (3 years 5 months)

- Regularly wrote for the front page of one of Oregon's largest newspapers.
- Contributed reporting to USA Today.
- Covered stories big and small for online journalism and the print paper, collaborating with other reporters and developing sources.
- Wrote about various bills as they moved through the Oregon Legislature, such as the first statewide rent control law.

Reporter Intern

The Wall Street Journal

Jun 2016 - Sep 2016 (4 months)

- Published front-page story on how automakers and drivers combat "wind throb," the thrumming noise that drivers encounter when they roll down a rear window at high speeds.
- Reported on used-car startup Beepi, Tesla Motors Inc.'s semiautonomous Autopilot software and Nissan's move to beef up a warranty for Titan trucks in a bid to grab market share.
- Reported that Volkswagen dealers weren't allowed to sell some 12,000 diesel-powered cars across the U.S. after the German automaker was caught using devices to trick emissions tests.

-Worked under Bureau Chief John D. Stoll and alongside other autos reporters.

Editor in Chief

Ethos Magazine

Jun 2015 - Jun 2016 (1 year 1 month)

- Led Ethos Magazine to win 2016 Pacemaker from the Associated Collegiate Press.
- Facilitated merger of student-run magazine with the Emerald Media Group at University of Oregon.
- Supervised student staff of 39 regarding advertising, editorial content and production for 1,500+ circulation.

Charles Snowden Excellence in Journalism Reporter Intern

Jun 2015 - Sep 2015 (4 months)

- Reported on Pendleton, Ore., over a 13-week internship.
- Contributed magazine articles constituting the annual Pendleton Round-Up magazine.
- Utilized hard news and long-form feature writing styles to write on topics from business to human interest.

Reporter Intern

Wiener Zeitung Mediengruppe

Jul 2014 - Jul 2014 (1 month)

- Reported on arts and culture in Vienna, Austria, for Wiener Zeitung.

Education

University of Oregon

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Journalism

2012 - 2016

Skills

Business Reporting • Breaking News • News Reporting • Investigative Reporting • Microsoft Word • Online News • Copy Editing • Fact-checking • Storytelling • Feature Writing

Honors & Awards

SPJ Northwest Excellence in Journalism - Society of Professional Journalists

May 2020

A story co-bylined by reporter Connor Radnovich and me earned runner up in the "housing and homelessness reporting" category for medium-sized newsrooms.

SABEW 2021 Best in Business Awards - Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing

Apr 2022

Earned two honorable mentions in the 2021 Best in Business Awards for two separate articles, one of which was co-bylined with my colleague Malia Spencer.