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EDUCATION & HONORS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEDILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

June 2018- June 2019

- Master of Science in Journalism
- Specialization: Social Justice and Investigative Reporting

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

March 2017- November 2017

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

August 2009- May 2013

- Bachelor of Arts in English Writing with a minor in Education Studies
- Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Leadership Scholarship

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE

Reporter, Content Writer, and Fact-Checker

Chicago, Illinois
April 2020- Present

- Pitching, reporting, and breaking stories on housing, criminal justice, and local social movements for Chicago-based publications like WTTW, South Side Weekly, and The Chicago Reporter
- Fact-checking magazine and web stories for Vice, Mother Jones, and Bay Nature magazine; conducting fact-check interviews, researching topics, and ensuring every sentence is accurate and fair
- Content writing for WeWork's "Future of Work" blog; interviewing business leaders and workers on the pandemic's impacts on work spaces and culture

CITY BUREAU

Housing Reporter

Chicago, Illinois
March 2020- April 2021

- Synthesized complex housing policy, processes, and practices into clear, concise, easy-to-read information materials for a diverse set of readers and stakeholders, resulting in 15 published news stories in 6 different publications
- Surveyed community members on information needs, news-diet, and general media sentiments; used feedback to drive editorial decision making, resulting in a complete revamp of digital content and editorial strategy
- Led and trained a team of three emerging journalists in a community engagement project that illuminated Chicago's ongoing eviction crisis, resulting in a takeover of South Side Weekly's annual and coveted Housing Issue
- Conceptualized, planned, and executed an interactive workshop series that brought together housing activists, lawyers, city representatives with more than 20 tenants, providing a unique space for open dialogue, learning, and collaboration

MOTHER JONES MAGAZINE

Editorial Fellow / Reporter

San Francisco, California
June 2019- March 2020

- Wrote and edited clear and engaging news stories, essays, features, and blogs for a diverse online and print audience with a quick turnaround, meeting all editorial deadlines
- Spearheaded multiple story projects spanning a range of topics from climate change to immigration
- Fact-checked print magazine and web stories using Mother Jones' rigorous research framework; ensured all information materials had bullet-proof accuracy, fairness, and balance

MEDILL NEWS SERVICE

Reporter, Latinx Communities

Chicago, Illinois
June 2018- June 2019

- Developed and maintained close relationships with a diverse set of sources, ranging from government leaders to activists, academics, workers, and other journalists

- Created a news beat on issues affecting Chicago's Latinx communities with a specific focus on Puerto Rico, immigration, and politics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

U.S. FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

English Teaching Apprenticeship

Córdoba, Argentina

March 2017- November 2017

- Won prestigious Senator J. William Fulbright Award to live and teach English in Argentina with the goal of fostering international diplomacy and cultural understanding
- Developed a curriculum that provided students with a multicultural, justice-oriented perspective of U.S. history and culture through daily lessons and small-group discussions