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Professional Profile

Investigative reporter with expertise in national security and immigration. Multimedia proficiency includes Flash, photography, audio, video and interactive graphics. Report across digital platforms and skilled in database reporting and data visualization. Certified training for hostile environment reporting and fluent in Spanish.

Skills Summary

- Trained in CAR
- Reported on campaign finances using raw data
- Extensive Pentagon and Afghanistan coverage
- Reported on health/disease and preparedness
- Specialty in environmental/human security
- Social media coordination and outreach skills
- Traveled extensively and comfortable reporting in any environment
- Experience interviewing and reporting in Spanish

Professional Experience

Medill National Security Journalism Initiative Investigative Reporter: climate change and national security	September 2010-present Washington, DC
Medill News Service Daily Reporter: immigration, national security	September 2009-August 2010 Chicago, IL and Washington, DC
Lake Norman Citizen Assistant Editor/Staff Writer	June 2009-September 2009 Huntersville, NC
Lake Norman Herald Assistant Editor /Staff Writer	January 2008-June 2009 Huntersville, NC
Central Piedmont Community College ESL Instructor	April 2008-August 2009 Charlotte, NC
The Charlotte Observer Clerk Reporter	September 2007-December 2007 Charlotte, NC

Education

Northwestern University Evanston, IL Master's of Science in Journalism GPA: 3.9	August 2010
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO	May 2006

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Bachelor of Arts
Major: English, concentration Creative Writing
Minor: Spanish
GPA: 3.6

Universidad Especialidades Espiritu Santo Guayaquil, Ecuador

August - December 2004

Scholarships

McCormick Foundation Scholarship, Medill National Security Journalism Initiative	2010
Nonfiction Creative Writing Tuition Scholarship, Colorado State University	2005

Professional Certifications

Teaching English as a Foreign Language	2006
Hostile environment training for journalists	2010

Software and Program Skills

Arc View, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Flash, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Elements, Adobe Premiere Pro, Audacity, Document Cloud, Google Analytics, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Excel, Soundslides Plus, TimeFlow

Clips

<http://www.politicsdaily.com/2010/07/30/arlington-cemetery-probe-where-did-5-million-for-records-system/>

<http://www.politicsdaily.com/2010/08/14/usaid-policy-endangers-charity-workers-in-afghanistan-groups-sa/>

<http://www.politicsdaily.com/2010/08/04/women-candidates-in-afghanistan-travel-a-dangerous-campaign-trail/>

<http://www.politicsdaily.com/2010/08/29/mary-growing-fears-china-will-bring-heartbreak-not-wealth/>

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2010/07/21/Intel-hearing-focuses-on-contractors/UPI-10611279714367/

<http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=161780>

<http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=157470>

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Other Publications

The Charlotte Observer, McClatchy, Chicago Journal, Fort Collins Weekly (CO), Lake Norman Citizen (NC), Lake Norman Herald (NC), Rocky Mountain Bullhorn (CO), Who Runs Gov (The Washington Post)