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EDUCATION:

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Undergraduate

Major: **Journalism**

Graduated: May 2007

American University, Washington, D.C.

Graduate

Concentration: **Journalism & Public Affairs**

Graduated: August 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

American University

January 2018 – Present

Adjunct Instructor

- Teaches Writing for Communication course, focusing on the fundamentals of writing for mass media
- Develops lesson plans and assignments on print, broadcast and online news writing, as well as public relations writing
- Teaches basics of reporting, media ethics and media law
- Introduces freshmen and sophomore students to different communications professions

American University

October 2016 – Present

Student Media Adviser

- Advises 10 student media organizations, including the campus newspaper, TV station and magazines
- Conducts writing/reporting workshops to teach student journalists writing, reporting, media ethics, media law and other fundamental journalism skills
- Leads critique sessions to review the quality of writing/reporting for students' print and online stories
- Works with student leaders to organize panels/workshops featuring media professionals from the Washington, D.C., region
- Helps student editors navigate difficult ethical and legal issues
- Conducts one-on-one writing critiques to media students interested in pursuing journalism careers
- Conducts cover letter writing sessions to help students improve their marketability to media employers
- Works closely with faculty at AU's School of Communication to build a strong connection between the school and student media at the university
- Guides media organizations through programming and budget management

N/A

October 2016 – Present

Freelance Journalist

- Contributed writing and reporting for Center for Public Integrity [environmental investigative series](#)
- Wrote election-related story for local publication DCist
- File public records requests with local, state and federal agencies

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August 2015 – October 2016

Reporter

- Reports and writes enterprise/investigative stories about issues in the San Diego region
- Writes and produces radio spots/features and TV packages for broadcast on NPR/PBS affiliate KPBS
- Regularly files public records requests with local, state and federal agencies
- Appears on KPBS TV segments and weekly roundtable discussions to talk about stories
- Works closely with editors and other reporters to conceptualize and discuss projects

The Center for Public Integrity

September 2012 – July 2015

Reporter

- Wrote enterprise/investigative stories about corporate propaganda for the Center's "Misinformation Industry" project
- Served as the lead reporter on an investigative series about industry-regulated food additives
- Covered the impact of unprecedented outside political spending on state supreme court races
- Served as the lead reporter on an investigative project about corporate judicial education seminars

Duquesne University

August 2011 – May 2012

Adjunct Instructor

- Taught undergraduate students the fundamentals of news writing and reporting
- Helped students develop story ideas
- Taught the basics of media law and ethics
- Fact checked and graded students' stories
- Submitted the best stories from class to the student newspaper for publication
- Co-led an International Media trip to Europe, taking nine students to various media outlets in Paris, Dusseldorf and Amsterdam

Pittsburgh City Paper

June 2007 – May 2012

News Writer

- Wrote in-depth, enterprise news features and briefs
- Covered variety of news beats, including education, neighborhoods and law enforcement
- Developed original story ideas through interviews, research and records requests
- Updated breaking news stories for the paper's news blog, Slag Heap
- Shot photos for news stories in print edition and on blog
- Proofread copy for all sections of the paper

Valley News Dispatch

May 2007 – June 2007

News Intern

- Wrote news and feature stories
- Fact checked and proofread news stories

The Duquesne Duke

August 2005 – April 2007

Assistant Features Editor (Fall 2005)

Features Editor (Spring 2006 – Spring 2007)

- Wrote news, features, opinions and sports stories
- Assigned weekly articles to writers for the features section
- Designed features section using Quark and InDesign
- Edited and proofread copy for all sections of the newspaper
- Awarded first place by both the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and Keystone Press Awards for five-part series about prescription drug abuse on campus

Pittsburgh Magazine

May 2006 – August 2006

Editorial Intern

- Fact checked and copy edited stories and columns
- Wrote a feature story for the “Scoop” section

Society of Professional Journalists

August 2005 – April 2007

Treasurer and President of Duquesne University’s SPJ chapter (2005-2007)

- Raised funds for programs and workshops featuring guest speakers and panel discussion forums
- Selected and edited stories for publication in *Off the Bluff* magazine

SKILLS:

Microsoft Word, Excel, Google Docs,
Powerpoint, Final Cut Pro 7, Adobe Audition,
Garage Band, AP Style,
Adobe Photoshop, social media (Facebook,
Twitter, Tumblr), Document Cloud