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EDUCATION

American University, Washington, DC

Degree expected May 2021

BA in Journalism focused on investigative reporting, data journalism and podcasting
Minor in Latin American area studies

GPA: 3.93

- Studying foreign correspondence while freelancing and preparing for journalism internship in Madrid
- Covered opioid addiction, overdose and fentanyl trafficking in the DMV as my beat for over a year, composing enterprise stories, profiles and data visualizations
- Submitted FOIA requests and worked with large datasets to produce data stories focused on visual storytelling

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Editorial Intern, Current: News for People in Public Media, Washington D.C.

Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2020

- Composed and published 12 articles including hard news, events coverage and feature stories
- Filmed and edited a 2-minute video news story for social media platforms garnering more than 2000 views
- Pitched stories, attended events and conducted interviews related to my beat
- Met regularly with editors to develop pitches and tailor content for a specific audience

Podcast Director and Web Editor, AWOL Magazine, American University

Jan. 2018 - Present

- Direct, edit and produce investigative journalism podcast "Ripped From The Wall"
 - Manage an 8-person team composed of new and veteran student journalists to prepare for and conduct recorded interviews, edit audio and write scripts for 5 episodes as of Dec. 2019
- Published 10 articles including enterprise stories, hard news and profiles both for print and web covering university, local and national news
- Facilitate editing and fact-checking sessions with new writers to teach them interview techniques, reporting skills and AP style
- Conducted a 9-month investigation into a student's experience with university conduct office

Broadcast Journalism Intern, Radio Nativa, Argentina

Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2016

- Hosted daily international news updates focusing on Latin American politics to an audience of around 10,000
- Interviewed local officials and community members, discussing a range of issues from infrastructure projects and local elections to national healthcare policies

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Communications Intern, National Peace Corps Association, Washington D.C.

May 2018 – Sept. 2018

- Conducted interviews and produced 8 blogposts distributed to an audience of 65,000+

PR Intern, Strauss Media Strategies, Washington, D.C.

Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2017

- Conducted long-term investigations into PR practices while managing several short-term research assignments

Legal Intern, Projects Abroad Argentina, Córdoba, Argentina

Jan. 2017 – May 2017

- Composed and published a statement from our organization based on local politics shared to a social media audience of over 200,000

SKILLS

- *Technical*: Videography, digital photography and audio recording (advanced)
- *Computer*: Adobe Audition; Adobe Premiere; Adobe Acrobat; Photoshop; WordPress; Excel (data analysis); HTML and CSS, MySQL, Python (intermediate)
- *Language*: Spanish (proficient in reading, writing, and speech) Portuguese and Italian (intermediate reading)