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Experience:

88.1 WVPE, South Bend-Elkhart, Indiana

Reporter and Assignment Editor

June 2021 – present

- Report daily news stories and features about South Bend, Elkhart and the rest of Michiana
- Write, track and voice broadcast pieces; write and post articles for the website
- Work in collaboration with fellow reporters to structure and plan news coverage
- Edit scripts for broadcast pieces and articles for the website
- Host All Things Considered live on Thursdays; serve as fill-in host for ATC and Morning Edition

National Public Radio, Washington, D.C.

Diversity Assistant

March – May 2021

Diversity Intern

June – September 2020

- Managed NPR's Diverse Sources Database, a public resource helping journalists find diverse sources
- Researched and interviewed potential sources and wrote and published WordPress blog posts
- Wrote and sent out Source of the Week email newsletter featuring this week's source
- Ran the Source of the Week Twitter account
- Helped launch new, redesigned Diverse Sources Database website in April 2021

CalMatters, Sacramento, California

Editorial Intern

January – March 2020

- Covered how California state government affects the lives of ordinary people as part of the CalMatters team, with a specific focus on housing and transportation
- Pitched and reported two digital features with data-driven infographics, one on AB 1350 which would make public transit free to anyone 18 and under and the other on SB 1079 which would impose a home vacancy tax
- Pitched, reported and edited an audio version of the AB 1350 feature for broadcast with 89.3 KPCC
- Edited and produced Gimme Shelter, the CalMatters housing podcast

North by Northwestern, Evanston, Illinois

September 2016 – December 2019

Executive Editor

March – December 2019

- Oversaw day-to-day operations of North by Northwestern as second-in-command to editor-in-chief
- Created, drafted constitution and served as speaker for North by Northwestern's staff legislative forum
- Edited story drafts, input into CMS (Ghost) and published finalized stories at nightly newsroom meetings
- Led newsroom one night a week in lieu of editor-in-chief
- Served as managing editor for audio and photo/video sections
- Researched and reported web stories and reported and edited podcast episodes for AskNBN

90.5 WESA, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Newsroom Intern

June – August 2018

- Covered a wide variety of stories around Pittsburgh as a general assignment reporter
- Pitched and reported two features — one on air quality and another on the supposed monopoly of a local grocery store — and three 90 second mini-features for the ongoing Pittsburgh Tech Report series
- Edited audio for broadcast and photos and videos for online, ran tape syncs

Education:

Northwestern University – Medill School of Journalism, Evanston, Illinois

- Bachelor of Science in Journalism with a history double major
- Study abroad at the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Graduated in June 2020
August – December 2018

Skills:

- Adobe Audition, InDesign, Premiere and Photoshop; ENCO; CorePublisher; WordPress; Microsoft Office
- Tape syncs; board operations; audio editing; photography; social media management (Twitter)