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E&E NEWS

Reporter | May 2017 – Present

Led political coverage on climate, including the 2020 election. Wrote the mainbar on election night, during the primary and general election debates and the Democratic National Convention. Main responsibility was finding enterprising stories to illuminate climate's shifting political dynamics, including the rising influence of environmental justice as well as progressives in general. Also responsible for daily coverage and team-oriented projects. Past beats have covered public lands, natural disasters and climate science.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Washington Reporter | January – May 2017

Traced the local impact of national political stories, including budget cuts, refugee crackdowns and financial deregulation. Covered arguments in federal court and the Supreme Court. Followed Missouri and Illinois' congressional delegations adapting to the Trump administration's early days. Built campaign finance filings into a custom database we used to cover the regional delegation.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

City Desk Reporter | June – August 2016

Reported on the intersection of race, law enforcement and politics. Followed police outreach to black communities, efforts to split Robert E. Lee observances from Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and how Arkansas' education and child health care programs compare to other states' initiatives.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Statehouse Reporter | January – June 2016

Covered the Missouri Legislature and state courts as the post-Ferguson atmosphere of racial justice collided with the 2016 campaigns. Reported on lawmakers passing voter ID laws, weakening unions, defunding Planned Parenthood, rejecting police reform and opening environmental regulatory positions to industry representatives.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

Assistant City Editor & Reporter | August 2013 – December 2015

Managed a team of six general assignment and breaking news reporters for a community newspaper, while also helping to direct long-term coverage of politics and agriculture. Covered the Missouri Conservation Department turning to high-powered lobbyists to fend off lawmakers' budget cuts, along with the city of Columbia's reliance on nonprofits to fulfill public services.

EAST-WEST CENTER

Intern | June – August 2012

Reported from Hawaii and South Korea on international journalists finding ways to report the region's most difficult stories, like the then-escalating attacks on Rohingya and the early days of Kim Jong Un's leadership.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Investigative Reporters & Editors, PolitiFact, New Europe, Global Journalist, Appen Newspapers

Education

Master of Arts in Journalism, the Missouri School of Journalism (2017)

Honors: White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship

Bachelor of Journalism, the Missouri School of Journalism (2015)

Honors: National Merit Scholar, Walter Williams Scholar