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Experience

Midwest Newsroom

Data reporter

February 2021 - Present

Collaborative journalism

Part of a five-person team in one of NPR's Journalism Hubs

Work with reporters and editors to apply data journalism to public radio. Assist reporters by filing public records requests, analyzing data and creating visualizations for the digital product. Occasional appearances on-air to discuss data findings. Assist in monthly training for partners: KCUR, St. Louis Public Radio, Iowa Public Radio, Harvest Public Media and The Kansas News Service.

Nebraska Public Media News

Editing, coaching in the Midwest Newsroom's smallest station

Serve as a liason between the Nebraska Public Media News team and the Midwest Newsroom. Advocates for republishing and reairing of partner content. Occasional digital and audio editing as needed.

San Diego Union-Tribune

Graphics & Data Reporter I

January 2016 - February 2021

Data Visualizations

Part of a three-person team embedded in the Union-Tribune's Creative Studio

Breaking news graphics reporter for print and web, worked with all desks and sections
Produced enterprise visual content as part of special Sunday sections
Led shift into using interactive charts using Datawrapper instead of static files

Data analysis and reporting

Collaboration with the Union-Tribune's Watchdog Team

Produced "Datawatch"; standalone graphics based on local news.

Audio

Lead podcast host and producer

Hosted, edited and produced the daily news podcast: "San Diego News Fix" and smart speaker briefing

Relevant previous experience

Omaha World-Herald
Newsday
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire
KFOR 1240
Daily Nebraskan

Data reporting fellow
Investigations intern
Multimedia reporter
Radio intern
Various roles

September-December 2015
June-August 2015
June-August 2014
May-August 2013
2011-2015

Education

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Bachelors' of Journalism, 2015
Minors: Informatics, Communication

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Geographic Information Sciences Certification
Expected completion: December 2023

UNL Speech & Debate

National finalist ('15), national quarterfinalist ('14,'15), Part-time coach ('22 - Present)

Tools

Data analysis

Microsoft Excel, SQL, R, Python, Access, Github

Visualization and GIS

Adobe Illustrator, Datawrapper, QGIS, ESRI, Flourish

Audio and Multimedia

Adobe Audition, Adobe After Effects, Streamyard, Final Cut Pro

References

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