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WORK EXPERIENCE

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh, PA

Data Reporter

July 2022 – present

- Lead a team of investigative reporters, graduate students, and other professionals in a major collaborative project between the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *ProPublica*, resulting in a groundbreaking investigative publication scheduled for September 2021
 - Conduct extensive data analysis, employing advanced techniques to extract meaningful insights
 - Develop and maintain project infrastructure to organize and manage reporting findings, file Freedom of Information Act requests, and rigorously document all methodology, optimizing efficiency and accuracy throughout the process
- Produce a compelling series of investigative stories shedding light on Pittsburgh's vacant and abandoned property crisis, including in-depth research, interviews, on-the-ground reporting and data analysis
- Play a pivotal role in fostering a data-driven mindset within the newsroom, leading training sessions for newsroom employees and interns on utilizing various datasets for reporting on the city of Pittsburgh

Medill Investigative Lab

Washington, DC

Data Reporter

January 2022 – June 2022

- Contributed to the development of *Shadow Diplomats*, a *ProPublica* series on honorary consuls, undertaking investigative research, database creation, and meticulous fact-checking
- Collaborated on an investigation of registered agents for *The Washington Post's* Pandora Papers series, utilizing Python for database management, web scraping, and API handling of corporate records

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

Remote

American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) Editorial Intern

June 2021 – September 2021

- Chosen as one of 11 students for the highly competitive ASME internship program, participating in a speaker series and receiving specialized training in journalism
- Authored seven stories for both the print magazine and website, covering a range of personal finance topics
- Provided valuable support in writing, copy-editing, and organizational tasks for three monthly issue cycles

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Medill School of Journalism, Media,
Integrated Marketing Communications

MS in Journalism

Specialization: Medill Investigative Lab

Chicago, IL | Washington, DC

June 2022

Northwestern University

Medill School of Journalism, Media,
Integrated Marketing Communications

BS in Journalism, Minor in Psychology

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude, Kappa Tau Alpha*

Evanston, IL

June 2021

AWARDS

Malcolm Forbes Award, Overseas Press Club

For best international business news reporting in newspapers, news services or online

2023

Semifinalist, Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy

2023

Medill Valedictorian Award, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

2021

Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award, Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society, Northwestern Chapter

2021

SKILLS

Data Analysis: Python, SQL, R, Excel, Google Sheets, PostgreSQL

Data Visualization: Datawrapper, Flourish, QGIS

Project Management and Technical: GitHub, Google Colab, Google Suite, Microsoft Office, HTML5/CSS/JavaScript, Bootstrap