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EDUCATION

The George Washington University - Washington, D.C.

Master of Arts in New Media Photojournalism, May 2021

Loyola University New Orleans - New Orleans, La.

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications; Minor in New Orleans Studies, May 2016

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Digital Photography, Analog Photography, Photojournalism, Editorial Photography, Photo Editing, Photo Retouching, Journalism, Story Pitching, Videography, Video Editing, social media, Associated Press Stylebook, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office, Photo Mechanic, DropBox, Google Drive and WeTransfer

EXPERIENCE

Mytonomy - Bethesda, MD

Production Assistant, contractor (April - July 2022)

- Reorganized video assets, over 100 TB, to create a navigable database

NUR Photo Agency - Washington, D.C.

Freelance Photographer (May 2021 – Present)

- Photographed assignments around Washington, D.C.
- Subject matter included local and national politics, social justice protests, professional sports
- Work was featured in The Guardian, ABC News, Yahoo News and the NY Post

Self-Employed – New Orleans, La. and Washington, D.C.

Freelance Photographer, Videographer and Assistant (May 2016-Present)

- Photographed and filmed events for both private and corporate clients.
- Corporate clients include the We are Home Campaign, New Orleans Tourism and Marketing Corporation, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation, Sun Belt Athletic Conference, University of New Orleans athletic department, FSC Interactive, and others.
- Private clients and events included wedding proposals, engagement announcements, weddings, and portraits.
- Worked as a lighting and camera assistant for portrait and wedding photographers - carrying and setting up lights and modifiers, adjusting them as needed; loading, unloading, and organizing rolls of medium format and 35 mm film.

The Hatchet - Washington, D.C.

Staff Photographer (September 2019-May 2021)

- Photographed assignments on campus and around Washington, D.C. including politics, collegiate sports, culture and more.
- Won the award for Breaking News Photography in the Society of Professional Journalists 2020 Mark of Excellence competition in Region 2 for coverage of protests in Washington, D.C. after George Floyd's murder.

Federal Reserve Board of Governors - Washington, D.C.

Photo Intern (December 2019-May 2021)

- Photographed employees, press conferences with Chairman Jerome Powell and other promotional photos at the direction of their staff photographer Britt Leckman.
- Edited and organized both current and archival images for projects about the full renovations of their main buildings from 2019-2020.

The Washington Blade - Washington, D.C.

Freelance Photographer (August 2019-March 2020)

- Photographed events in the LGBTQ+ community in Washington, D.C.

Antigravity Magazine – New Orleans, La.

Freelance Photographer (May 2017-July 2019)

- Photographed events around New Orleans for monthly publication.
- Subject matter focused on music, culture, and political themes.

NOLA Messenger - New Orleans, La.

Photojournalist and Reporter (November 2013-December 2019)

- Wrote, photographed, and filmed community-oriented news stories in the Uptown, Mid City and Gentilly neighborhoods of New Orleans first as an intern and then an employee.
- Responsible for placing stories on their WordPress site, tagging, and posting appropriately to maximize traffic to the story.
- Met weekly with the publisher and other writers to pitch and plan stories and social media efforts

The New Orleans Advocate - New Orleans, La.

Freelance Photojournalist (March 2015-June 2019)

- Photographed news, cultural and sports assignments and around New Orleans and the metropolitan area.
- Edited, captioned, and submitted images on a tight print deadline.

National Football League - New Orleans, La.

Live Content Correspondent (August 2018-January 2019)

- Shot photos, DSLR video and vertical cell phone video at games to be posted in real time and post-game on the NFL, individual team, and players' social media platforms such as Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat

Where Y'at Magazine - New Orleans, La.

Photography Intern (May 2016-August 2016)

- Photographed events around New Orleans for both online and print publication.
- Oversaw their Instagram account, publishing content I and other employees created, at optimum times to ensure the best traffic to each post.

New Orleans Voodoo - New Orleans, La.

Photography Intern (April 2015-August 2015)

- Photographed games and other community events of the team's last season.

The Maroon - New Orleans, La.

Staff Photographer, Photo Editor and Senior Staff Photographer (April 2013-May 2016)

- Made photos across all sections, including breaking news, sports, portraits, and culture
- Recruited photographers, trained new photographers, held regular photographer meetings, and worked with editors to determine what images best fit stories and layout.