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EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law | Spring 2023 | Master of Legal Studies | Dean's Journalism Scholarship | GPA: 3.99/4.0

Stanford University | Fall 2020 | B.A. in History | Minor in Digital Humanities | Award of Excellence | GPA: 3.96/4.0

RESEARCH & WRITING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant — The Promise Institute for Human Rights (Los Angeles, CA) Sept. 2022 – Present
Midterm Election Monitoring (Fall): Open-source (OSINT) research, writing, & data analysis on disinformation in the 2022 U.S. Midterm Election. Led research team analyzing the proliferation of viral videos about tabulator errors emerging from polls in Maricopa County on Election Day. Built database using Tweetdeck & Python to capture scope of videos' spread & related data. Led writing of report & creation of online ArcGIS StoryMap package. Used Tweetdeck, SMAT, Crowdtangle & other tools for election live-monitoring.

Indigenous Land Defenders Investigation (Spring): Investigate human rights issues concerning indigenous peoples in Brazil using OSINT tools as part of research team partnering with international human rights group, Cultural Survival. Use Crowdtangle, SMAT, digital outlets, & social media platforms for data collection. Develop critical insights into the complexity of human rights issues facing the region. Co-author research reports as needed.

Completed University of California-Bellingcat OSINT intensive training.

Public Safety & Criminal Justice Reporter — The Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, CA) Sept. 2021 – July 2022
Covered local, county, & state criminal justice issues, including policing, prosecution, incarceration, policymaking, community activism, & the court system (local, state, & federal). Focused on analysis, investigative & public service storytelling while turning daily breaking news & enterprise stories. Managed & utilized multiple databases, including in-custody deaths, use of force, local members of extremist groups, & others. Newsroom's resident Excel, Tableau, & PRA whiz. National Press Foundation criminal justice reporting fellow.

Breaking News Intern — The Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ) June 2020 – April 2021
Pitched & reported breaking news, general assignment, & enterprise stories. Feature reporting on accountability & civil rights topics including policing, incarceration, COVID-19, racial justice protests, & homelessness. Collaborated on criminal justice data investigations. Managed police shooting & in-custody death database through regular public records/FOIA requests & analyzed data in Excel & Tableau. Stories also ran on USA Today.com. Placed third in 2020 Arizona Press Club award for best statewide social issues reporting.

Research Assistant — Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute (Stanford, CA) Jan. 2019 – June 2020
Historical & archival research on civil & human rights issues. Multimedia production for World House Podcast & other projects.

Writing Director — MINT Magazine (Stanford, CA) Sept. 2018 – June 2019
Commissioned & edited essays to be published in student arts, culture & fashion magazine. Supervised cohort of writing interns.

Research Assistant — Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (Stanford, CA) Jan. 2018 – Aug. 2018
Team member on "Global Urbanization & its Discontents," digital project on growth of cities worldwide & related displacement.

Editor — Herodotus Journal (Stanford, CA) Oct. 2018 – April 2019

Editorial Assistant — Bill Lane Center for the American West (Stanford, CA) April 2018 – June 2018

Research Publications & Awards

Decentralization and the Social Media Ecosystem: How Viral Videos Created a Perfect Storm of Disinformation During Arizona's 2022 Midterm Election | UC Network for Human Rights and Digital Fact-Finding, Spring 2023

"Anything but God's Children": The Nonviolent Resistance of Birmingham's Child Crusaders | Jerry Anderson Prize for Best Undergraduate History Research Paper, Spring 2020

Black-Jewish Jazz and its Vilification in the Early 20th Century | Herodotus Journal, Spring 2018

OTHER

Criminal Justice Reporting Fellow — National Press Foundation (Chicago, IL) 2021

Volunteer — SPJ NorCal San Quentin Prison Reporting Class (San Quentin, CA) Dec. 2021 – July 2022

Legal Assistant — Law Office of Carol Sobel, National Lawyers Guild LA (Los Angeles, CA) June 2019 – Aug. 2019

Course TA — The American Empire in the Middle East, Prof. Joel Beinin (Stanford University) Sept. 2018 – Dec. 2018

SAT Writing TA — I Know I Can Summer Academies (Ramallah, Palestine) June 2017 – Aug. 2017

SKILLS

- Open-source digital investigations (OSINT) tools & methodologies, including social media sourcing/research/storytelling, database building/management, data verification/analysis, geolocation, Tweetdeck, Crowdtangle, ArcGIS, Tableau, Excel, Python (beginner), etc.
- Telling robust & human stories that elucidate broader histories, patterns, & issues
- Expert writing and communication, drafting ready-to-publish deliverables & reports, editing, AP style, Bluebook
- Independent initiative, enthusiastic teamwork
- Navigating local, state, & federal agencies & their respective public records (FOIA, CPRA, etc.) processes
- Prioritizing accuracy, compassion, humility, & community relationships
- Languages: Hebrew (advanced), Arabic – MSA, Shami (intermediate)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

UCLA MLS Dean's Journalism Scholarship, 2022 | National Press Foundation Criminal Justice Reporting George Floyd Fellowship, 2021 | Arizona Press Club Award for Best Statewide Social Issues Reporting, 3rd place, 2020 | Jerry Anderson Prize for Best Undergraduate History Research Paper, Spring 2020 | Stanford University Award of Excellence, 2020 | Harry Press Stanford Daily Award, 2020

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Stanford University Journalism 101 Guest Speaker, 2021-2022 | Stanford Daily Summer Training Guest Speaker, 2021-2022 | Scalawag Magazine Fellowship Guest Speaker, 2022 | CalMatters College Journalism Conference Guest Speaker, 2021 | University of Nevada, Reno Media Ethics Course Guest Speaker, 2021