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MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

Breaking News Reporter, Features

Apr. 2023-Present

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

- Write one breaking news story each day related to features and style coverage areas, including arts/entertainment, internet culture, food, fashion, media and politics
- Shepherded [writers and actors strike](#) coverage, including two [front-page](#) pieces and multiple TV/radio interviews

Multiplatform Editor, Features

Oct. 2022-Mar. 2023

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

- Produced at least one feature each week for The Post's [gender and identity](#) section
- Nominated for a GLAAD Media Award for explaining the importance of ["mother"](#) in the LGBTQ ballroom scene
- Reported on the first-ever makeup-free [Miss England](#) pageant finalist and the skin positivity activists supporting her (the most read story on Apple News for Oct. 19, 2022 with 700,000 pageviews)
- Brainstormed headlines and curate stories for [Lily Lines](#), a twice-weekly newsletter with 90,000 subscribers
- Prepared captions and alt text for six to eight daily [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts and one daily [Instagram](#) post

Features Intern

June 2022-Sept. 2022

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

- Covered two [breaking news](#) and [longform](#) stories weekly focused on gender/identity and helped curate The Lily's social media posts and newsletters; wrote pop culture, arts/entertainment, lifestyle, food, style and books stories
- Produced a front-page breaking news story about [R. Kelly's](#) 30-year sentence for racketeering and sex trafficking
- Contextualized a [protest](#) against a Christian university's anti-LGBTQ+ policies, [pigtail-wearing servers](#) getting more in tips and the increase in [women powerlifters](#)

Managing Editor

Jan. 2021-May 2022

Atrium, Gainesville, FL

- Co-launched the University of Florida's only print magazine and [website](#) for narrative nonfiction storytelling
- Collaborated with 40+ writers, photographers and designers to produce stories of significance to Floridians
- Wrote a [longform narrative profile](#) about Alachua County Commissioner Charles Chestnut, a well-connected public servant and funeral embalmer who is leading the effort to honor local lynching victims

Features/Entertainment Intern

June 2021-Aug. 2021

South Florida Sun Sentinel, Deerfield Beach, FL

- Pitched and wrote two features weekly about South Florida's one-of-a-kind restaurants and food trends
- Produced four front-page stories that explained South Floridians' return to [movie theaters](#), increased [menu prices](#), local reactions to the Haitian [president's assassination](#) and the [Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#)
- Interviewed celebrities with local ties including "iCarly" star [Reed Alexander](#) and TikTok ["Haitian Papi"](#)
- Scooped source-derived stories about a [pie-making pastor](#) and people's polarized emotions about [mukbangs](#)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Tools and technology: Adobe Premiere Pro (basic), Airtable, Canva, [Datawrapper](#), Hootsuite, Microsoft Excel/Google Sheets, QGIS, R (basic), SQL, Tableau (basic)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Journalism

University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications
Minors in Sociology and Event Management