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MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

Independent Journalist

March 2026-Present

- Contribute up to four weekly stories on Black culture for The Root's [website](#).
- Interviewed 22 politicians, fashion designers and executives on camera over three days while covering a [leadership summit](#) for The Root's [social media](#) and [website](#).
- Wrote two narrative [feature](#) stories for the Daughters of the American Revolution's new digital magazine covering the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and the DAR's America 250 celebration featuring Patti LaBelle.
- Conducted Q&As with [T-Boz and Chilli of TLC](#) and watched the final preview performance of "CrazySexyCool – The TLC Musical" for Bustle magazine.

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

April 2023-April 2026

Breaking News Reporter, Features

- Wrote a daily story for the Style section on topics including food, travel, lifestyle, pop culture, arts and entertainment, internet trends, fashion and media.
- Wrote stories that explained the internet frenzy surrounding [Keith Lee's Atlanta dining experience](#) and how TikToks of "food" made out of paper gained popularity.
- Tracked the status of [90+ Sean "Diddy" Combs sexual assault lawsuits](#) and co-anchored trial breaking news coverage, earning 100,000+ pageviews daily and multiple [front-page](#) stories.
- Led writers and actors strike coverage, including two [front-page](#) pieces and multiple TV and radio interviews.

Multiplatform Editor, Features

October 2022-March 2023

- Produced weekly features 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 her skin positivity activist supporters; it was the most-read story on Apple News for October 19, 2022, earning 1.5 million pageviews.
- Edited headlines and curated stories for Lily Lines, a twice-weekly newsletter that covered women and LGBTQ+ news with 90,000+ subscribers.
- Prepared captions and alt text for up to eight daily [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts and a daily [Instagram](#) post.

Features Intern

June 2022-September 2022

- Wrote two Style stories a week, a mix of [breaking news](#) and [longer-form](#) features; stories focused on [food](#), [lifestyle](#), [arts and entertainment](#), [internet culture](#) and books.
- Curated social media posts and newsletters for The Lily, a Post product focused on women and [LGBTQ+ news](#).

ESPN's Andscape, Gainesville, FL
Freelance Reporter

March 2022-June 2022

- Wrote a feature on a line dance group, a fraternity step team and a majorette competition team for the second volume of "The Black Gaze," Andscape's photo series on the Black experience.
- Coordinated with a photographer to visually capture the essence of each group's rehearsals and performances.

Atrium Magazine, Gainesville, FL
Managing Editor

January 2021-April 2022

- Co-launched the University of Florida's inaugural print magazine and website for narrative nonfiction storytelling, collaborating with 40+ writers, photographers and designers to produce stories of significance to Floridians.
- Wrote a long-form narrative profile about a politician and funeral embalmer leading the effort to honor local lynching victims.

South Florida Sun Sentinel, Deerfield Beach, FL
Features/Entertainment Intern

June 2021-August 2021

- Pitched and wrote two original features a week covering South Florida's celebrities, restaurant scene and food trends.
- Produced four front-page stories explaining South Floridians' return to movie theaters during the pandemic, increased menu prices, local reactions to the Haitian president's assassination and the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

The Independent Florida Alligator & WUFT, Gainesville, FL
Food Reporter

May 2020-February 2021

- Covered restaurant openings, closures and food trends for The Alligator's entertainment and culture section.
- Contextualized food reporting for WUFT by explaining its impacts on business, politics and the environment.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Journalism

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

Skills: Adobe Premiere Pro • Airtable • Canva • CapCut • Datawrapper • Hootsuite • LexisNexis, including CourtLink • Mailchimp • Microsoft Excel/Google Sheets • QGIS • R (basic) • SQL

Professional affiliations: National Association of Black Journalists • Washington Association of Black Journalists • Online News Association • Kappa Tau Alpha