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Summary

Freelance journalist specializing in investigative and data-driven stories for clients including the Washington Post, Reuters, NPR, KBIA and the American Press Institute.

Author of Tools for Reporters, a weekly newsletter of tools and technology for journalists with hundreds of subscribers.

Organizing committee member for Hacks/Hackers, a global organization for advancing the intersection of journalism and technology.

Specialties

- **Data:** discover and report journalism stories using Excel, SQLite and other tools for data acquisition and analysis
- **Legal reporting:** use PACER, Westlaw and court records for legal reporting with a focus on criminal law
- **Spanish:** conduct interviews and produce projects in Spanish. Completed a half-year internship in Argentina
- **Background checks:** find and perform backgrounding on people using TLO, Spokeo, public records and other sources
- **Conference speaking:** teach and give talks on reporting, data and law at Mozfest, IRE, NICAR and other conferences

Education

University of Missouri
Bachelor of Journalism

Graduated summa cum laude with a focus in investigation and multimedia.

Achieved Dean's List all semesters, a GPA of 3.8 out of 4.0 and a minor in Spanish.

Previous Experience

Reuters

New York, N.Y.

Collaborated on in-depth investigations for the data team, including a Pulitzer and Goldsmith Prize finalist.

Wrote a computer program to automate reporting on the oil industry, resulting in greater efficiency.

Published day-turn stories in The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Huffington Post and The (UK) Daily News.

NPR

Washington, D.C.

Tracked down sources, acquired public records, analyzed data and performed research for the investigations team.

Contributed legal reporting and writing to a duPont Award-winning series.

Columbia Missourian

Columbia, Mo.

Finalist for nation-wide IRE and state-wide Missouri Press Association awards for investigative reporting.

Attained impact including a change in university police reporting requirements, one of the most-read stories of the year and syndication in the Associated Press.

Expanded innovation in multimedia publication of investigative stories, such as interactive graphics and documents.