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The Washington Post

Multiplatform editor, opinions: November 2021-present

- Rim and slot edit columns, editorials, letters to the editor, and newsletters for clarity, accuracy, tone and style.
- Perfect SEO for digital pieces, including writing smart URLs, engaging headlines and rich metadata.

The Almanac of American Politics

Senior editor: 2020, 2022 editions

- Wrote and edited the Almanac's new style guide in 2019 and updated it in 2020.
- Edited profiles of all 100 U.S. senators and related materials.

Politico

Senior digital editor: April 2020-November 2021

- Coordinated coverage. Curated and designed the homepage, using metrics, data and my own news judgment.
- Copy edited, line edited and assigned news stories. When needed, pulled stories from AP and Politico Europe.
- Edited and produced newsletters, including Playbook and Huddle, as needed.
- Wrote and tested headlines. (Wrote 4 of Politico's top 5 headline A/B tests. A few got click increases over 400%.)
- Wrote and sent push and Apple alerts.
- Designed new homepage layouts and wrote best practices.
- Wrote the hiring test for prospective digital producers and graded candidates' tests.

Senior copy editor: January 2019-April 2020

- Rim and slot edited articles, interactives, videos, editorials and columns.
- Wrote headlines and captions for print and online.
- Hosted copy-editing workshops for Politico employees and journalism students.
- Created new workflow processes for copy-editing and streamlined old ones.
- Trained others on copy editing, workflow and best practices.

Digital producer: January 2018-January 2019

- Copy edited stories, optimized them for SEO, and designed their digital elements.
- Wrote captions, headlines, URLs, breaking news articles and push alerts.
- Created and edited photo galleries and Instagram stories.
- Managed social media accounts.

The Virginian-Pilot

Copy editor/wire editor: 2016-2018

- As copy editor, polished news and editorial content for print and online and wrote headlines and captions.
- As wire editor, selected and edited all nonlocal content for the paper, including the front page.
- Wrote for TBD, a millennial-focused Pilot series.
- Wrote stories for focused Pilot publications and magazines.

Southside Daily

Local government reporter: 2015-2016

- Covered Virginia's largest city hall for an online, on-the-radio news source in Hampton Roads, Va.
- Reported investigative, enterprise, breaking and feature stories and photo essays.
- Revealed how a developer exploited a tourism incentive program, causing the city and state to pause and reshape it.

The News-Enterprise

Local government reporter: 2014-2015

- Covered area governments for the daily paper in Elizabethtown, Ky., including Fort Knox.
- Wrote beat, enterprise, crime and investigative stories.
- Exposed a mayor's plan to siphon money from an independent commission through a city festival to hire his friend, as well as his threats against commissioners who opposed him.

Kentucky Kernel

Opinions editor: 2013-2014

- Oversaw all op-ed and editorial content for the University of Kentucky's independent, then-daily student newspaper. Managed two assistant editors, an editorial board and dozens of contributors.

News writer: 2012-2014

Staff photographer: 2013-2014

Assistant opinions editor: 2013

International reporting

Explored the links between Kentucky's and India's tobacco industries — discussing health and business outcomes — with reporters from the Louisville Courier-Journal and in India. The long-form story ran in the CJ and dozens of other publications in the United States and India.

awards

Ky. Press Association 2015:
3rd place,
best investigative series

KPA 2014:
1st place, best headline
1st place, best ongoing/
extended news coverage
1st place, best breaking
news coverage
2nd place, best feature photo

KPA 2013:
3rd place, best university
editorial

KPA 2012:
2nd place, best university
feature

2014 Pinnacle Awards:
3rd place,
best general news photo

internships

Summer 2014:
Commonwealth Journal
(Somerset, Ky.)
Summer 2013:
Kentucky Forward

education

University of Kentucky
May 2014
B.A. journalism,
political science