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EXPERIENCE

WFXG Fox 54 News: Augusta, Georgia, Morning Anchor/Special Projects Reporter, September 2019-present

- Anchored four-hour long morning newscasts and consistently increased ratings for the station
- Trained new reporters and producers to use cameras and pace newscasts
- Shot, wrote, edited and produced weekly sponsored cyber segments for morning and evening news
- Represented station as emcee at several community events
- Organized and helped maintain station equipment and vehicles

Local 5 News: Des Moines, Iowa, Weekend Anchor/Multimedia Journalist, September 2015-September 2019

- Helped more than double weekend numbers as anchor/producer during several ratings periods
- Served as weekend reporter/producer before being promoted to weekend anchor
- Went live during breaking news situations, turned lead stories and finished in limited time windows
- Mentored and developed new anchors, reporters and producers
- Turned high school game recap packages as part of Friday Night Blitz sports team

WMBD News-Peoria: Bloomington, Illinois, Multimedia Journalist/Fill-In Anchor, August 2013-September 2015

- Served as bureau chief for Bloomington
- Pitched, shot, and produced daily and sweeps pieces for CBS and Fox Affiliates
- Worked as weekend anchor/producer during two ratings periods
- Performed live shots and stand-ins for newscasts
- Shot sports games and wrote scripts on Fridays and weekends, for Sports Extra
- Filed reports under very tight deadlines, so video could be sent remotely back to Peoria

KTIV News 4: Sioux City, Iowa, Multimedia Journalist, November 2011-August 2013

- Shot, wrote and edited daily reports and features for NBC affiliate
- Fronted pieces in studio during weekend and weekday newscasts
- Reported often during weekends as sole MJ, to produce content for market's No.1 station
- Shot, edited and prepared highlights for Tuesday & Friday sports coverage—SportsForce Extra

Medill News Service: Chicago and Washington, Reporter, June 2010-June 2011

- Wrote enterprise pieces and daily deadline stories for clients in Midwest and East Coast, several of which appeared on the outlets' home pages and on Medill's front page
- Shot, edited and produced video packages for web and broadcast outlets across the country, including The Daily Caller, CBS affiliates and McClatchy News

ESPN 1000: Chicago, Production Intern, May-August 2007

- Edited and spliced pre-game and post-game press conferences and highlights for baseball games
- Fed ESPN-Bristol sound bites and highlights from the radio station
- Assembled and published podcasts for The Show and Chicago Baseball Tonight

WETN 88.1 FM Wheaton College Radio, Sports and Radio Broadcaster, August 2006-May 2009

- Hosted The Way I See It, a sports program about Wheaton College athletics and the world beyond
- Made promotional commercials for the show, which aired during other WETN programming
- Delivered play-by-play and commentary for football, basketball, soccer, baseball and softball

EDUCATION

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University—Evanston, Illinois

M.S. Journalism: Broadcast/Videography, June 2011

Wheaton College—Wheaton, Illinois

B.A. Communications: Media Studies, December 2008

SKILLS/HONORS

- Regional Emmy, Breaking News/Continuing Coverage: S.C. Police Officer Shot
- Edward Murrow Award, Breaking News Team Coverage: Washington, Ill., Tornado
- Computer skills: Avid, Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro, Audacity, World Now
- Completed hostile environment training: Strasburg, Va., April 2011