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Summary

Dynamic and respected broadcast journalist with a knack for engaging storytelling under tight deadline both on air and online

Experience



Anchor/Reporter

WGN-TV

May 2008 - Present (13 years 1 month +)

Weekend Morning Anchor and General Assignment Reporter in DMA 3, covering breaking news in the field and on the desk for more than a decade. From shootings to severe weather to heart-warming features, worked with a talented newsroom team to develop compelling content with superb storytelling and humanity in Chicago for more than a decade.



Anchor/Reporter

CLTV

Mar 2007 - Dec 2010 (3 years 10 months)

Within a year, promoted from General Assignment Reporter to Midday Anchor and then Evening Anchor in context of a dynamic and fast-paced 24-hour regional newsroom in Market 3. Served as primary anchor during breaking events including: 2008 Presidential Election of Barack Obama, mass shooting at Northern Illinois University, and countless other events throughout Chicagoland. Produce and hosted an award-winning 30-minute special in the months after the NIU shooting, focusing on the victims recovery and the student journalists-first on the scene of the shooting. Contributed to Chicago-based live coverage for CNN and HLN



Anchor/Reporter

WWBT/NBC12 Raycom Media

Dec 2004 - Mar 2007 (2 years 4 months)

Weekend Anchor and General Assignment Reporter for dominate NBC affiliate. Also served as anchor of Fox affiliate newscast, under news share agreement. Ratings share increased during tenure on both shows. Developed sources within state and local government for frequent enterprise stories. Investigated health department documents for weekly "Restaurant Report", a popular franchise that uncovered restaurants with multiple critical health violations as well as recognizing restaurants with perfect health inspections.



Anchor/Reporter

WTVO-TV/WQRF-TV

Jul 2002 - Jul 2004 (2 years 1 month)

Served as solo morning anchor, alongside veteran meteorologist. Responsible for show content, in consultation with producer. Ratings increased from #4 to #2 within first two books. Tasked with

daily general assignment reporting under tight deadline, filling in on evening newscasts, and leading coverage of severe storm damage.



General Assignment Reporter

WISC-TV

Jan 2000 - Jul 2002 (2 years 7 months)

General Assignment Reporter responsible for daily content at top-rated station, both on air and online in Wisconsin's State Capitol. Covered major stories including the resignation of long-time Governor Tommy Thompson and disappearance of Elizabeth Kutz and ensuing charges against her husband-even without a body found, which attracted national coverage.



General Assignment Reporter

WDAY

Jun 1997 - Jun 1999 (2 years 1 month)

General Assignment and City Hall reporter responsible for daily reports on top-rated evening newscasts. Developed sources within city government to report fairly on the use of federal disaster mitigation funds being used in the wake of the 1997 flood of the Red River of the North that decimated parts of Fargo and a majority of downtown Grand Forks.

Education



University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

1993 - 1995



University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Broadcast Journalism

Honors & Awards



Emmy Award - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2010

Outstanding Achievement in Education Reporting



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2020

Outstanding Achievement for Hard News Feature - Stonewall at 50



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2019

Outstanding Achievement in Spot News - Dan Ryan Shutdown, Anchor



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2017

Outstanding Achievement in for On-Camera Talent - General Assignment Reporter



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2017

Outstanding Achievement in Human Interest Reporting - Making Lemonade



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2017

Outstanding Achievement in Religion Reporting



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2016

Outstanding Achievement for On-Camera Talent - General Assignment Reporter



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2016

Outstanding Achievement in Public Affairs - Invisible Homeless



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2015

Outstanding Achievement in Arts/Cultural Reporting



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2015

Outstanding Achievement in Spot News - Fairdale Tornado: Survivors



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2013

Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Light News



Emmy Nomination - Upper Midwest Regional Emmy® Chapter, The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

2011

Excellence in Spot News Coverage - Blizzard of 2011

AP **AP Award** - The Associated Press

2008

Best News Special - NIU Shooting

AP **AP Award** - The Associated Press

2003

Best Reporter