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Multidisciplinary reporter educated in evidence-based policymaking, pursuing opportunities in policy-relevant journalism with a national or international focus. Experienced in news and magazine writing, multimedia content creation and public policy analysis.

Education

Master of Science, Public Policy and Human Development **2022-2023**

Maastricht University & United Nations University-MERIT, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Specialized in Global Governance for Development

Relevant Courses: Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization, Governance of Peacebuilding and Development

Thesis: "Legal Elite Linguistics & the Realization of the Right to a Life Free from Sexual Violence"

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and English **2018-2022**

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, USA

Summa Cum Laude (GPA: 3.906/4.0)

Minor in Writing, Rhetoric and Publication

Experience

Reporter **03/2025 - Present**

Carteret County News-Times — Morehead City, North Carolina

Writing 5-8 breaking news, enterprise stories and town hall coverage stories per week, covering events, government, policy and environmental topics across six municipal governments, local marine science and fisheries communities for the only newspaper in Carteret County, N.C..

Engagement Coordinator **03/2025 - 05/2025**

International Connector — The Hague, The Netherlands

Wrote and edited weekly newsletters, targeted campaigns, promotional material and social media content for partnerships with IBM SkillsBuild and IBM Z; drove 200+ signups for IBM SkillsBuild initiative in April 2025; secured vendors for in-person events.

Student Ambassador **10/2022 - 10/2023**

United Nations University-MERIT — Maastricht, The Netherlands

Promoted masters program by managing two social media channels with global audiences; generated and executed content calendars; reported on social media analytics; delivered two speeches; attended stakeholder events twice per month.

- Interviewed Swiss Ambassador to the Netherlands
- Created original Instagram reel which amassed over 18,000 views

Editorial Intern **08/2021 - 08/2022**

Charleston Digital Corridor — Charleston, South Carolina

Wrote and edited copy on the growing technology sector in the Silicon Harbor from its nucleus. Conducted, transcribed and edited interviews with member technology company executives to create monthly Leadership Profiles.

Experience Continued

Editor-in-Chief

03/2021 - 05/2022

CisternYard News — Charleston, South Carolina

Headed student news organization for three magazine issues from ideation to publication, organized and led all general and editing staff meetings, maintained mailing list, distributed magazines, hired five editing staff members

- Awarded 3rd Place Collegiate General Excellence by South Carolina Press Association

Managing Editor

07/2020 - 03/2021

CisternYard News — Charleston, South Carolina

Oversaw and edited five section editors' work, supported Editor-in-Chief with general management through five publication cycles, wrote 10 magazine articles and created corresponding magazine spreads

Presidential Debate News Runner

February 2020

CBS News (NYC) — Charleston, South Carolina

Supported CBS News' production of the 2020 South Carolina Democratic Presidential Debate for 13 days. Gathered materials, worked spin room, moved equipment and stood in for stage set-up and screenings.

- Selected from main intern group for B-roll filming with CBS Nightly News crew

Skills

- Highly skilled in Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Premiere and Photoshop
- Highly skilled writer and editor across contexts
- Proficient in end-to-end publication management
- Proficient in Associated Press (AP) Style writing
- Proficient in STATA
- Experienced in WordPress publishing
- Native English speaking, writing skills; learning Dutch

Awards

Outstanding Political Science Major Award, College of Charleston Department of Political Science	04/2022
Third Place General Excellence (Collegiate Enrollment >5,000), South Carolina Press Awards	04/2022
Outstanding English Major Award, College of Charleston Department of English	03/2022
Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society Inductee, College of Charleston	03/2021
Alexandria Dengate Memorial Scholarship, College of Charleston Department of Political Science	04/2021

References

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- Researched and wrote 7 in-depth features, or 'Leadership Profiles'

Editor-in-Chief

March 2021 - May 2022

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Skills & Awards

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