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Experience

Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Little Rock

Reporter, March 2023 to present

- Business desk, reporting from across Arkansas

Hyde Park Herald, Chicago

Staff writer, March 2018 to March 2023

- Government and politics reporting include coverage of city, county, state and congressional elected officials, primarily focusing on legislation, constituent services and campaigns; breaking news reporting; coverage of the Obama Presidential Center through its logistical and community planning processes, including the federal lawsuit against it; experience covering education, the University of Chicago, arts, restaurants, consumer issues, public health
- One Chicago Headline Club Lisagor Award win, two nominations (non-daily newspaper section):
 - Won award for best political reporting, 2021: "Why Ald. Taylor, hesitant of the vaccine, got her shot: 'I don't want to be scared to live'"
 - Finalist for best feature reporting on COVID-19, 2021: "Hyde Park child care struggles with space, staffing and burnout, as federal help possible"
 - Finalist for best business reporting, 2020: "Wesley's Shoes celebrates 50 years of 'sit-and-fit' business"

Freelance writer, August 2016 to present

- WBEZ: news features
- The Hechinger Report, co-published by NPR and NBC News: articles on rural high school students' limited college choice processes and debt incurred at students at elite universities
- Minneapolis Star Tribune: "Midwest Traveler" column, focusing on attractions, restaurants and retail
- The Advocate and Condé Nast: LGBTQ, cultural, political and public health reporting. Profiled U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin
- Belt Magazine: Political reporting

College Possible Minnesota, St. Paul

Tech-Connected High School Coach (AmeriCorps), October 2015 to August 2016

- Pilot program designed to raise college matriculation rates among high school students from outside of the Twin Cities.
- Recruited partner schools and students, followed by monthly coaching with high school juniors in ACT registration and preparation, identifying colleges for applications, applications and professional writing

Education

The University of Chicago, master of arts, August 2017

- Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, concentration in sociology
- Thesis "Life Aspirations and Expectations of Rural Indiana Adolescent Males"
- Courses in survey research, statistical and data analysis, ethnographic methods and writing

Stanford University, bachelor of arts, June 2015

- Honors in sociology, thesis "The College Choice Process of Top-Performing Rural Indiana High School Students"
- Minor in American studies; coursework in political sociology, mid-century American history with a focus on race and social movements, qualitative methods