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EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York Degree expected May 2018
Master of Arts in Business and Economics Journalism

- Courses in Accounting and Corporate Finance from Columbia Business School; developing ability to evaluate and understand businesses from balance sheets and financial statements; intensive data-driven curriculum focusing on covering US and international business, economy, and public policy
- Working on a 10,000-word master's thesis on the bankruptcy of Westinghouse and the impact on its parent company Toshiba, investigating whether the U.S. nuclear power industry is going extinct

Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

May 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, International Relations, with coursework in statistics, data analysis, and econometrics; Dean's List six out of eight semesters; Class of 1911 Prize Scholarship recipient. Contributed substantial data analysis to an Economics research project that evaluates the impact of "Better Work" training programs in improving working conditions and competitiveness in the garment industry across the world

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

The Christian Science Monitor, *Rapid Response Team Intern Reporter*, Boston Jan.-April 2017

- Filed four 500-word stories per day on breaking news and trending news, garnering over 20,000 daily page views; reported and wrote one 800-word story per week with multiple sources in a one-day turnaround
- Topics covered included the housing market, the gig economy, the development of autonomous vehicles, first-time homeownership, retail trends, bankruptcies, and trade policies

The Boston Globe, *Metro Correspondent*, Boston

Nov. 2016-May 2017

- Wrote stories and briefs on local breaking news; monitored social media and identified news tips

WBUR (Boston's NPR News Station), *Newsroom Intern*, Boston

Oct.-Dec. 2016

- Covered breaking news in Greater Boston area; interviewed sources and wrote scripts/cut-scripts for hourly Newscast; recorded sounds from the field; wrote and used Adobe Audition to produce news segments

NPR's Here & Now, *Digital Production Intern*, Boston

Sept.-Dec. 2016

- Created, edited, and researched stories for website using CMS (WordPress), including sourcing photos, writing photo captions and web teasers; produced and created content on social media sites; produced three interview highlights daily

The Tufts Daily, *Managing Editor*, Medford, Mass.

Sept. 2013-May 2016

- Top student newspaper in the country; edited in-office 40+ hours weekly; managed, supervised, and led staff of 100+ in all aspects of daily content production, including breaking news and on-and-off campus coverage; finalized all content from all sections for both print and online publication
- Broke stories on a bomb threat and car fire in May 2016 and the impact on the final exam week; assembled and was part of the student journalist team covering the 2016 Presidential election primaries in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, with a focus on college students' involvement in the democratic process
- First international woman served on the managing board; spearheaded a collegiate conference on diversity in student journalism and a scholarship to help recruit reporters from different backgrounds
- Progressively advanced from Contributing Writer, Features Editor, and Executive Features Editor

GateHouse Media New England, *The Malden Observer Intern Reporter*, Somerville, Mass.

May-Aug. 2014

- Reported and wrote 1-2 features stories per week under tight deadlines

SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Native), French (Intermediate)

Data Skills: Excel, R, SQL, Python, Stata, Bloomberg Terminal, Pacer, SEC Edgar

Multimedia Skills: Adobe Audition, DSLR, Adobe Photoshop, WordPress CMS, HTML, Publisher, iMovie, Medium

REFERENCES

Eoin O'Carroll, Editor, The Christian Science Monitor, ocarrolle@csp.com, 617-777-3114

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