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EXPERIENCE

Space Reporter **February 2020 – Present**
Houston Chronicle, *Austin, Texas*

- Attended notable rocket launches where I created articles, photos, videos and live blogs to cover the first crewed flights of SpaceX and Blue Origin, the first SpaceX Starship launch and NASA's Artemis II moon mission.
- Featured in an Artemis II documentary created by the PBS science series "Nova."
- Investigated the environmental ramifications of SpaceX's development in South Texas as its construction destroyed wetlands and threatened shorebirds.
- Developed sources inside NASA to share information and emails about the agency, particularly when the White House and DOGE were shrinking the federal workforce.
- Organized a team of developers to create an interactive, scroll-driven narrative for Intuitive Machines' moon landing.
- Developed connections with commercial companies, including Intuitive Machines, Axiom Space, Nanoracks and Venus Aerospace, that allowed me to observe and share various stages of their hardware development.
- Reported on Elon Musk's expansion across Texas as his entities turned rural areas into company towns and bustling manufacturing hubs. This work included mapping all the Texas properties owned by Mr. Musk's companies.
- Mentored young Hearst reporters on writing and editing.

Business Reporter **June 2014 – February 2020**
Houston Chronicle, *Houston, Texas*

- Broke the news that Blue Origin passed over Houston for rocket engine manufacturing.
- Interviewed prominent public figures including United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz, Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak.
- Covered Houston's technology ecosystem and wrote a series of articles on why Houston's efforts weren't creating a major tech hub like those seen in Austin, Boston and Silicon Valley.
- Assisted with a Houston Chronicle investigation recognized as a Pulitzer Prize finalist by reporting from a town hall session on special education in El Paso, Texas.

Business and Multimedia Reporter **August 2012 – June 2014**
The News-Press, *Fort Myers, Fla.*

- Conducted detailed analysis on the changes to flood and wind insurance in Southwest Florida.
- Provided in-depth coverage from New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy.
- Selected for the Gannett Talent Development Program.

Investigative Journalist **January 2012 – July 2012**
Carnegie-Knight News21, *Phoenix, Ariz.*

- Worked with the Washington Post's former executive editor Leonard Downie Jr. to create in-depth stories that examined voting rights across different states.
- Interviewed felons, politicians and advocates to write an investigative article on felon disenfranchisement in Florida.
- Created a radio segment on felon disenfranchisement that aired on NPR's "All Things Considered."
- Assisted in analyzing 2,068 alleged election-fraud cases to examine in-person voter impersonation on Election Day as it pertained to proposed photo ID laws.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Summa Cum Laude **May 2012**
Minor in education, concentration in business
University of Florida, *Gainesville, Fla.*
GPA 3.91

AWARDS

2020 SABEW Best in Business Award for Technology; Next Commercial Frontier
Girl Scouts Gold Award