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EXPERIENCE

Space Reporter

February 2020 – Present

Houston Chronicle, *Houston, Texas*

- Wrote a mixture of digital posts, breaking news dailies and longer enterprise stories.
- Traveled to Brownsville and Van Horn to write a series of articles on how these communities were affected by billionaires Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos launching rockets in their backyards.
- Covered Blue Origin's first crewed launch from West Texas that sent Bezos to space.
- Reported on NASA's Commercial Crew Program and how SpaceX began a new era of human exploration by owning the capsules trusted to launch NASA astronauts.
- Detailed how Houston-area companies, including Axiom Space, Intuitive Machines and Nanoracks, were participating in the commercial space race.
- Followed NASA science missions including the Perseverance rover that landed on Mars and the James Webb Space Telescope that will peer into the early universe.

Business Reporter

June 2014 – February 2020

Houston Chronicle, *Houston, Texas*

- Wrote breaking news, enterprise and feature articles on a variety of business topics.
- Detailed Houston's efforts to build a spaceport and broke the news when Blue Origin chose Huntsville, Ala., instead of 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.
- Wrote about the shallow waterways, flooded roads and grounded airplanes that brought Houston to a halt during Hurricane Harvey.
- Traveled to El Paso, Texas, to cover a town hall session on special education hosted by the U.S. Department of Education in response to a Chronicle investigation recognized as a Pulitzer finalist.

Business and Multimedia Reporter

August 2012 – June 2014

The News-Press, *Fort Myers, Fla.*

- Covered flood insurance and the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.
- Investigated lawsuits and legal issues, including elder financial abuse.
- Assisted Gannett papers in providing in-depth coverage from New Jersey on Hurricane Sandy.
- Participated in 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 packages about voting rights.
- Created a radio segment that aired on NPR's "All Things Considered."
- Interviewed felons, politicians and advocates to write an investigative article on felon disenfranchisement in Florida.
- Assisted in analyzing 2,068 alleged election-fraud cases to examine in-person voter impersonation on Election Day as it pertains 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