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EXPERIENCE

WLRN News | Miami, Fla.

Director of enterprise journalism | 2023-present
Senior editor for news | 2021-2023
Education reporter | 2017-2021

Editor and/or project manager of WLRN features, documentaries, podcasts and special projects. Manager of reporting staff. Editor of *Class of COVID-19: An Education Crisis for Florida's Vulnerable Students*, a national Murrow Award-winning 2021 multimedia series examining how the pandemic upended public education statewide. Reporter and producer of *Chartered: Florida's First Private Takeover Of A Public School System*, an investigative audio documentary and multimedia series published in fall 2019.

NPR, Marketplace, Here & Now | Miami, Fla.

Freelance reporter | 2017-present

Politico | Tallahassee, Fla., & Albany, N.Y.

Education & state government reporter | 2013-2017

The Wall Street Journal | Albany, N.Y.

Freelance reporter | 2013

USA Today/Gannett newspapers | Albany, N.Y.

Education & state government reporter | 2012-2013

The Clarion-Ledger | Jackson, Miss.

Higher education & state government reporter | 2011-2012

Star Tribune | Minneapolis, Minn.

Features, arts & entertainment reporting intern | 2011

The Reading Eagle | Reading, Pa.

News reporting intern | 2010

The Press-Republican | Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Part-time reporter & page designer | 2008-2011

EDUCATION

SUNY Plattsburgh | Plattsburgh, N.Y.

B.A., journalism & English literature, summa cum laude | 2011

Göteborg University | Göteborg, Sweden

Study abroad | 2010-2011

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Investigative Reporters and Editors

National fellowship | 2023

RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Awards

National first place for excellence in digital | 2022

National first place for overall excellence | 2021

The Livingston Award for Young Journalists

Finalist | 2022

New York Press Club Awards

First place for magazine commentary | 2022

Headliner Awards

National second place for radio documentary | 2022

National third place for feature reporting | 2018

Education Writers Association

Reporting fellowship | 2021

National first place for best audio storytelling | 2019

National first place for education beat reporting | 2018

Society of Professional Journalists Florida

Statewide journalist of the year award, statewide first place

award for radio education reporting | 2020

Esserman-Knight Journalism Prize

Honorable mention for inaugural prize honoring local

investigative journalism in South Florida | 2020

Public Media Journalists Association

National first place award for nationally edited news/continuing

coverage | 2019 & 2020

National Association of Black Journalists

National first place award for radio public affairs segment | 2019

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Miami Sound Space

Vice president of music education organization, 2022-present

Education Writers Association

New to the Beat program mentor | 2021-2022

Report for America

Mentor | 2020-2022

Florida Scholastic Press Association

Presenter at high school journalism conferences,

Broward County, Fla. | 2018-2019

Florida Capitol Press Corps

President, Tallahassee, Fla. | 2017

New York Legislative Correspondents Association

Vice president, chair of satire show, Albany, N.Y. | 2014-2015

The Strand Theater

Writer, director of benefit show, Plattsburgh, N.Y. | 2011

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

Founder, director of benefit show, Rochester, N.Y. | 2007-2009