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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE -----

PBS NewsHour Weekend | Enterprising Reporter, Digital Producer N.Y., APRIL 2016 – PRESENT

Lately focused on injustices within the prison system including retaliation after an uprising, inmate censorship and arbitrary disciplinary infractions. Also write international breaking news stories on weekends and help produce web elements to compliment the broadcast including Facebook videos.

Al Jazeera, WSJ, PRI, Vice | Freelance Reporter ASIA, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 2013 – JUNE 2016

Contributed enterprising articles on environmental and social issues for these and other outlets. Work includes interactive on effects of isolation in Delhi's biggest relocation slum for PRI. Also wrote about the plight of neglected Hmong refugees stuck in Thailand decades after the Vietnam War for GlobalPost.

Alaska Dispatch News | Arctic Fellow ANCHORAGE, JULY 2015 – OCTOBER 2015

Reported on cultural and environmental Arctic issues such as the federal government's inability to save polar bears or walrus from an oil spill and profiles on the first women to harpoon whales. Traveled with U.S. Coast Guard in an icebreaker and on a C-130 to document scientific and enforcement efforts.

Indian Express | Senior Correspondent DELHI, DECEMBER 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2013

Leading environmental reporter for one of India's largest papers. Among other stories, wrote on hospitals treating hazardous waste as standard trash and corrupt government officials pretending slum-dwellers were the ones destroying trees blocking their major development projects.

The Daily | SF Bay Area Correspondent OAKLAND, CALIF. AUGUST 2011 – AUGUST 2012

One of two staff reporters on the West Coast for News Corporation's now defunct iPad-exclusive app. Covered breaking news including Occupy Oakland protests and a shooting rampage at a nursing school.

KQED Radio | News Intern SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AUGUST 2011 – JANUARY 2012

Produced cuts and scripts for enterprising and breaking news stories that aired during hourly news segments on the Bay Area's NPR affiliate. Transcribed interviews and wrote for the news blog.

San Francisco Examiner | Reporter SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AUGUST 2009 – AUGUST 2011

Reported a succession of beats including land-use, public resources, education and the environment, filing daily. Won John Swett award for media excellence by revealing SF school district lost millions of dollars in federal reimbursements because parents were not completing free lunch applications.

Bay City News | Reporter SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AUGUST 2007 – AUGUST 2009

Wrote up to seven stories a day for this news wire service that covers the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Listened to police scanners, monitored court hearings, made beat calls to law enforcement agencies.

EDUCATION -----

Columbia University, Master of Arts, Journalism, Science Concentration May 2015. C.V. Starr, Robert Wood Johnson scholarships. Classes on data, photography, neuroscience, bioethics.

Deutschce Welle Akademie climate change fellowship in Chennai, July 2013.

San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Science in Journalism May 2007. Wrote for and edited the school newspaper, the Golden Gate Xpress.