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EXPERIENCE

Daily Record (Gannett), Parsippany, NJ

Reporter, July 2010 – June 2011

- Produced award-winning content in more than 17 communities in the northern part of New Jersey, for the daily and eight zoned weekly editions.
- Covered news on a general assignment beat, producing three to five news and feature stories for print and numerous brief web updates per week.
- Produced videos and web content, often teased in print to drive online traffic. Tweeted and posted to Facebook all stories and online content to bolster web presence.
- Contributed to the newspaper group's award-winning breast cancer awareness project.

The Associated Press, Trenton, NJ

Newsperson, March 2010 – July 2010

- Wrote for state and national news wires from the New Jersey Statehouse as the temporary legislative relief newsperson.
- Contributed to international coverage of New Jersey-born Yemen terror suspect and Trenton's gang-rape case involving a 7-year-old and her 15-year-old stepsister.
- Covered news on a general assignment beat, and pitched in with peripheral legislative coverage during the 2010 state budget session.
- Completed a 2009 summer internship program at the AP's mid-Atlantic operation in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., before joining the Trenton bureau.

Bay Area News Group, Walnut Creek, CA

Paid Intern, July 2007 – January 2009

- Wrote news and produced multimedia stories for the news group's chain of newspapers: *Contra Costa Times*, summer 2008; *San Mateo County Times*, fall 2007; and *The Daily Review*, summer 2007.
- Covered three municipal governments in western Contra Costa County, and other news on a general assignment beat. Wrote a new feature about stricter California's school nutrition regulations, with video story of local school kitchen operations
- Covered 2008 local and county election cycle. Filled in as night cops reporter.

EDUCATION

San Francisco State University, May 2009

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, news and online media concentration.
Chips Quinn Scholar, Summer 2008.

Skills: Three years of experience reporting, writing and producing multimedia news content. Proficient in audio, video and photo editing. Proficient knowledge of Photoshop, InDesign, Final Cut Pro, Soundtrack Pro, Soundslides, and basic HTML code. Proficient knowledge of Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr for crowd sourcing, source discovery and audience engagement. Number of Twitter followers hovers around 550.

Professional affiliations: National Association of Black Journalists, member since 2006.

Awards: The 2011 UNITY Global Reporting Fellowship – Selected as a representative of the National Association of Black Journalists to cover the United Nations High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS, June 8 – 10 in New York City. Produced news and images from rare U.N. Security Council meeting on AIDS and various events during the conference, which was made available to more than 3,000 delegates in print and online.

New Jersey Press Association's 2010 Robert P. Kelly Award – Second place for news and feature writing by a first-year reporter for stories on sustainable living in New Jersey and profiles on breast cancer patients and survivors.

References available upon request.