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MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

I'm passionate about telling substantive, meaningful stories. As the local government accountability and politics reporter for The Charlotte Observer with experience in service journalism, breaking news and digital production, I'm versatile and comfortable in a fast-paced, digital-first newsroom.

Journalism Experience

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER (CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA)

Local Government Accountability and Politics Reporter, July 2023-Current

 Covering local, state and national politics as well as Mecklenburg County and other local governments with a focus on accountability reporting. Filing daily, feature and investigative stories while leading The Observer's CLT Politics newsletter

Service Journalism Reporter, Jan. 2022-July 2023

Produced quick-turn explainer stories focused on trending topics and breaking news

THE COURIER JOURNAL (LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY)

Breaking News Reporter and Digital Producer, Sept. 2019-Jan. 2022

• Covered a variety of breaking and trending topics after time as a digital producer

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC (PHOENIX, ARIZONA)

Dow Jones News Fund Digital Media Intern, May-Sept. 2019

• Copy edited and produced digital and print content and monitored analytics

Awards & Honors

Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting

- 2025 finalist with The Observer staff
- 2020 winner with Courier Journal staff APSE Breaking News Reporting (Division B)

North Carolina Press Association Awards

- 1st place, Email Newsletter
- 2nd place, Election/Political Reporting & Sports News Reporting

Education

University of South Carolina B.A.J.M.C Journalism '19 Minors: Political Science, History GPA: 3.91 (Magna Cum Laude) With Leadership Distinction in Professional & Civic Engagement

Skills

- Politics & Gov't. Reporting
- Accountability Reporting
- Breaking News Reporting
- Social Media
- Email Newsletter Writing
- Copy Editing & AP Style
- SEO & Analytics

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