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EXPERIENCE

City Politics Reporter, November 2019 - Present

The Denver Post, Denver, Colo.

- Cover Denver City Council, mayoral administration, neighborhoods and people at large with a strong focus on accountability.
- Focus on topics like Denver's pandemic response, homelessness, zoning practices, equity, water rights, the environment and major development projects.
- Cover state and national politics including the 2020 election, voting security and campaign contributions.
- Also cover breaking news throughout the metro and state such as Boulder's mass shooting in March and Major League Baseball's decision to move its All-Star Game to Denver.
- Named a 2019 fellow for the National Press Foundation's Spotlight on Statehouse and Local Reporting Program.

City Hall Reporter, June 2017 - November 2019

Colorado Springs Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo.

- Uncovered lacking city, regional and state regulations and oversight in an unprecedented residential development atop unstable and contaminated land.
- Investigative coverage of City Council prompted new laws to bring lawsuit settlements out of executive sessions and into public meetings.
- Recipient of 2018 Colorado Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest awards: second place best sustained coverage, second place (staff) public service, second place (staff) best series.

County and Courts Reporter, Dec. 2014 - June 2017

Lawrence Journal-World, Lawrence, Kan.

- Investigative coverage sparked new police department policies and criminal charges of an officer.
- Recipient of 2016 Kansas Press Association's awards of excellence: first place government and political reporting and third place investigative reporting.

Crime and Courts Reporter, July 2013 - Dec. 2014

Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa.

- Covered breaking news and enterprise stories in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Economics, May 2012

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa