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Work Experience

Editor | MTV News

06/2019 – Present

- Co-lead a team of freelance writers for MTV News' Impact vertical. Edited Impact content, including pieces on the [teens who sued the government over the climate crisis](#), [the uprising in Puerto Rico](#), [the climate strikes in the U.S.](#), [a wild Senate race in Maine](#), and more.
- Wrote multiple stories a week, including interviews with [Netflix cheerleading stars](#), [#GreenShirtGuy](#), and [congressional candidates](#) and features on [young candidates using TikTok to win elections](#) and [how socialism crosses oceans](#). Create editorial series on [how to use the internet without risking your data privacy](#).
- Conduct interview on camera for [MTV News' Person Of Interest](#) series

Associate Editor | PHOENIX magazine

10/2018 – 06/2019

- Cultivated a team of freelancers to create the first digital-only content for the magazine in its 50-year history.
- Edited all content appearing online and in the magazine, including pieces on [police brutality in Phoenix](#), the [suicide rate of Arizona seniors](#) and a [guide to Spring in the Valley](#).
- Wrote interviews with [Frankie Muniz](#) and [Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich](#), travel pieces on [mining towns](#) and [resorts](#), and a feature on [Galápagos tortoises in the Valley](#).
- Led a complete relaunch of the magazine's Twitter and Facebook, increased following by 10 percent per month.

Freelance Writer | Teen Vogue, MTV News, VICENews

03/2018 – 06/2019

- Wrote about the Marjory Stoneman Douglas students in the wake of the Parkland shooting, including [March For Our Lives](#), [Lauren and David Hogg's book release](#), [returning to school with new rules and regulations](#) and more.
- Extensively covered LGBT issues, including the [proposed transgender military ban](#), the [Trump administration's policy memo on gender definition](#), the ["gay panic" murder defense](#), and more.

Staff Writer | Newsweek

09/2017 – 02/2018

- Reported stories on LGBT rights, including [anti-discrimination law](#), [legislative trends](#), [sex education](#) and more.
- Profiled [Danica Roem](#), the first openly transgender state lawmaker in U.S. history; [David Ermold](#), the gay man denied a marriage license by Kim Davis who ran against her in a 2018 election; [Adam Rippon](#), one of the first openly gay American man to qualify for the winter olympics; and more.
- Covered daily breaking news to drive over one million unique views in monthly web traffic.

Education

The University of Arizona, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a minor in Arabic

Graduated May 2017

- Multiple positions at The Arizona Daily Wildcat; Research Assistant for the Department of Communication; Teaching Assistant for Journalism 105; News Editor for El Independiente, a bilingual magazine; Internships at news organizations, including: the Arizona Daily Star, the Tucson Sentinel, Five Thirty Eight, and NPR.

Projects, Skills and Awards

- **Projects:** Co-created [The Bottom Line](#), a weekly newsletter with LGBT-focused stories and Q&As; Media director of [Gus's Goods](#), a nonprofit that provides families who have experienced the death of an infant with bereavement supplies.
- **Skills:** Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and public records requests; newsletter and briefing writing; data visualization with tableau software and google maps API; photography with Canon DSLRs, Adobe Premier Pro, Final Cut Pro X, Photoshop CS6; basic skills in InDesign, Microsoft Office Suite, Storify, Wix, Drupal, WordPress, Square Space, Mail Chimp
- **Awards and honors:** Gwen Ifill Scholar at the Aspen Ideas Festival; Don Bolle's Fellow; Second Place in Student News Reporting by the Arizona Press Club; Philip Magelsdorf Award for Outstanding Newsperson of the Year; Douglas D. Martin Award for Courage and Integrity in Journalism; B. P. Campbell Outstanding Junior Award; Arizona Daily Wildcat Young Gun Award