

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2018 Upper Midwest Regional Emmy
Nomination, documentary - topical

**2017 recipient of a Pulitzer Center on
Crisis Reporting grant for a two-week
reporting trip to China**

2017 Upper Midwest Regional Emmy
Nomination, health

2017 Iowa Newspaper Association Iowa
Better Newspaper Contest,
first place for best sports photo and
third place for best video

2016 National Capital Chesapeake Bay
Emmy Nomination,
health/science - program/special

**2016 Upper Midwest Regional Emmy,
historic/cultural/nostalgic
– single story**

2016 APSE contest,
75,001-175,000 circulation
third place for short video

2016 participant in the
Mountain Workshops for
video storytelling

2016 Iowa Newspaper Association Iowa
Better Newspaper Contest,
first and third place for best video

2015 Upper Midwest Regional
Emmy Nomination,
historic/cultural/nostalgic – program

2015 Best of Gannett Quarterly Awards,
finalist for video

EDUCATION:

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A., 2013, Journalism &
Mass Communication and
Communication Studies

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EXPERIENCE:

DES MOINES REGISTER AND USA TODAY NETWORK

Des Moines, IA

Photojournalist (November 2014 - present)

Make photos and videos of Iowa's people, places and events for the state's largest newspaper. Work on daily assignments and long-term projects. Pitch, plan and produce multimedia stories for print and digital presentation. Shoot and produce many types of video: live video, long-form documentary style, daily and on-deadline packages, 360 video, social and short form video and multi-camera studio shows produced on a tricast. Build a digital presence by actively using social media to tell and share stories, including Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Engage with the community by teaching photo classes and leading photo walks. Is a member of the USA Today Network regional breaking news team.

Associate digital editor for photo (September 2013 - November 2014)

Coordinated photo and video assignments between reporters and members of the photo staff. Shot and edited photos and videos. Created video packages from user generated content, dashboard camera video and 911 audio. Curated photo and video related content for the Register's digital platforms. Planned, produced and shot live video in breaking and planned situations. Managed the Register Visuals twitter account.

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE AND KCRG-TV9

Cedar Rapids, IA

Multimedia intern (May 2013 - August 2013)

Primarily shot and edited short-form and long-form video stories for Iowa's second largest newspaper and its partner TV news station. Made photos and wrote stories for print and online. Assisted digital team in various ways, including creating web banners, tweeting, moderating live chats and breaking news blogs.

IOWA STATE DAILY

Ames, IA

Managing editor of production (May 2012 - May 2013)

Managed production of print publication, tablet publication and digital media content. Completed final check of print publication before sending the paper to the printer and tablet edition before publishing. Worked with editors to establish and meet production deadlines. Designed print pages, tablet stories and special sections.

Photo editor (January 2011 - May 2012)

Managed and gave assignments to the photo staff. Edited and prepared photos to print in paper, display online and in the Daily's tablet publication. Attended daily budget meetings. Worked with editors, reporters, photographers and designers to plan story presentation on all platforms.

Photojournalist (September 2009 - May 2013)

Made photos and covered a wide range of events and people at Iowa State for publication in print, online and in the Daily's tablet publication. Wrote well informed cutlines. Told visual stories.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ames, IA

Student assistant (January 2010 - May 2013)

Women's golf team sports information director (August 2011 - May 2013)

Acted as the primary media contact for the women's golf team. Wrote news releases and stories for cyclones.com. Helped maintain athletic records and notes. Assisted with media relations at athletic events including, three NCAA Championship tournaments. Photographed athletic events and helped manage the department's photo archive.