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-----MISSION-----

Journalist with six years' experience editing and reporting on four continents seeking to join a forward-thinking, adversarial organization steeped in the values of traditional journalism.

-----SKILLS-----

Breaking news	Investigations	SEO Optimization	Cultivating sources
FOIA	Editing news, features	HTML 5	Increasing readership
PACER	Commissioning stories	CMS	Work under deadline

-----WORK EXPERIENCE-----

Al Jazeera English, Journalist-Producer, D.C./Doha, Qatar June 2017 – June 2018

During my time at Al Jazeera I was consistently among the most-read authors. I broke news and was quickly asked to conduct investigations on numerous topics. My work helped increase U.S. readership by focusing on overlooked issues. When I left the company, Americans accounted for one quarter of Al Jazeera's readership. My achievements include:

- The first to link Saudi, UAE and Israeli lobbying efforts in the blockade of Qatar.
- Wrote first feature on the FBI's "Black Identity Extremist" (BIE) label and the trial of Christopher Daniels, considered the first to be tried under the BIE designation.
- I was responsible for leading, inventive coverage on the end of net neutrality.
- Placed a spotlight on the DREAMers, immigrants and asylum seekers living through the ICE crackdown.

Freelance Journalist, Israel-Palestine, Latin America, EU, U.S. May 2013- May 2017

As a freelancer, I earned a steady income due to my abilities to sniff out stories, maintain contacts and write quickly. I was entrusted with investigations, deployments to Cuba and many other important tasks by editors who knew I was capable. My writing has appeared in Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera America, The Daily Beast, VICE News, The Intercept, Middle East Eye and elsewhere. I wrote an average of three stories per week. Highlights include:

- Conflict coverage the occupied Palestinian territories, including Ramallah, Jerusalem and Gaza during the 2014-2015 unrest.
- Commissioned to cover the on 2015 Israeli election for VICE News.
- Multiple investigations into the treatment of Native Americans and African Americans by U.S. police and prisons.
- Among the first to report on the EU refugee crisis for Al Jazeera from Budapest in 2014.

Amarillo Globe-News, Reporter, Amarillo, Texas June - Oct. 2016

I worked as an investigative reporter, working with my team to shape news coverage.

I learned investigative and breaking news skills from my colleague Aaron Davis, winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News. Topics covered included:

- The relationship between business and politics in the city.
- 2016 elections from the perspective of one of the most conservative parts of the U.S.
- Human rights issues regarding relations between the refugee community and the city's largely white population.

TeleSUR English, Multimedia Editor, Quito, Ecuador March- June 2016

I worked as an editor and writer in the upstart newsroom. I was quickly tasked with teaching new writers the basics of news and editing their work. I was offered a promotion after three months but left amicably for other opportunities. My duties included:

- News on events in Latin America, including the Petrobras scandal, US-Cuba détente and Argentina's political upheaval.
- Covering the U.S. primaries closely, focusing on Trump and Sanders.
- Edited pieces from writers and helped social media with posts.

Bikya News, Managing Editor, Ramallah, Palestine May 2012 – April 2013

On staff at Bikya News, an award-winning, independent news outlet that covered the Middle East during the Arab Spring. I was promoted from writer to managing editor after three months with the organization. I was responsible for:

- Two daily news reports and one feature article a week.
- Editing and commissioning freelance submissions, oversaw pool of 10 freelancers.
- Regularly conferring with editors in Cairo and the US to formulate coverage plans.

----- **EDUCATION** -----

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary 2013-2014
Master's in Public Policy, focus in Media Policy

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas 2007-2011
Bachelors' degrees in International Studies and Spanish Literature

----- **LANGUAGES** -----

English: Native | **Spanish:** Fluent | **Portuguese:** Advanced | **Arabic:** Basic

----- **REFERENCES** -----

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