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EXPERIENCE

Pulliam Fellow / *The Indianapolis Star - Indianapolis, Indiana* **8/2019 - 11/2019**

- Responsible for writing and pitching stories on City Hall and public safety, two of the top issues in the city, going into the November election.

Local Intern / *The Washington Post - Washington, D.C.* **6/2019 - 8/2019**

- Wrote and pitched stories related to D.C. government for both daily deadlines and longer enterprise stories; interviewed politicians, adults with memory loss, underserved kids and more; covered violent crime and Trump's Fourth of July spectacle; wrote feature stories about city residents; took photos to accompany stories.

Enterprise News Intern / *The Kansas City Star - Kansas City, Missouri* **5/2018 - 8/2018**

- Wrote feature stories and breaking news on a strict deadline; took photos and videos to accompany most stories, live-tweeted events; covered the impact of homicide vigils, an FDA decision on cannabis-based medicine, and new businesses; worked on breaking and follow-up coverage of the Branson duck boat tragedy.

Editor-in-Chief / *The Standard - Springfield, Missouri* **5/2018 - 5/2019**

- Managed a staff of almost 40 editors, reporters and photographers under a weekly deadline; worked with digital editor to plan social media posts; worked with section editors to create budget; worked to implement a beat system for reporters.
- Previously worked as news editor from May 2017 to May 2018: Wrote breaking news, features, and sports stories, including stories on domestic violence, net neutrality, and the rise of mass shootings; managed a team of reporters, created a budget for the news section, posted stories to social media, spoke on camera for a weekly news show.
- Previously a reporter from Jan. 2016 to May 2017.

Web Producer/Assignment Editor / *KOLR - Springfield, Missouri* **3/2017 - 2/2019**

- Wrote breaking news and news releases for the web within immediate deadline; managed Facebook and Twitter feeds to drive tens of thousands of page views, used Google Analytics to post content, clipped video; created weekend assignment budget.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Journalism **8/2015 - 5/2019**

Missouri State University - summa cum laude

REFERENCES

Jessica Contrera - The Washington Post Enterprise Reporter

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