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Reporter trained as a dead-tree journalist with the skills + flexibility to have carved out a spot in the evolving world of digital media: Writer turned photographer, videographer, social media curator (and still a writer above all else).

EXPERIENCE

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Pittsburgh, Pa.

STAFF WRITER — CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2015-Present

- Beat encompasses crime, courts, breaking news and opioid crisis for immediate Web publication + further coverage for daily newspapers
- Work includes social media component, including real-time updates from live events
- Develop sources within metro + suburban police departments, the county jail court system, addiction services
- Criminal justice coverage has included weeks of in-depth reporting on the Tree of Life synagogue massacre that killed 11; the fatal suburban police shooting of an unarmed black teenager and resulting protests; reporting on police practice of criminalizing condoms in prostitution stings, which led to the end of such arrests
- Opioid coverage has included an ambulance ride-along to a near-fatal overdose call, tracing the path of deadly synthetic drugs across Ohio, helping grieving parents tell their stories

STAFF WRITER — GENERAL ASSIGNMENT 2012-2015

- Covered spot news + developed enterprise and features in a dozen communities and school districts across Allegheny County
- Covered and explained complex tax issues + municipal and school law at both a state and local level

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

-Selected fellow, H.F. Guggenheim
Symposium on Crime in America
"Justice in the Heartland"
February 2018, New York City

-Selected fellow, Dart Center for
Journalism & Trauma
"Reporting Institute on Gun Violence"
February 2017, Chicago

-Panelist, PA NewsMedia Association
Sharon Johnson Workshop
"Covering PA's Opioid Epidemic"
November 2017, Harrisburg

-Frequent guest on local NPR affiliate
WESA discussing local news;
appeared on CNN, MSNBC, BBC
during 2018 synagogue shooting

AWARDS

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Second place, Special Project, 2018

"Condoms criminalized in Allegheny County
prostitution cases"

PA Women's Press Association

-First place, Health/Science, 2018

-First place, Profiles/Interviews, 2018

-First place, Multimedia, 2018

-Third place, Enterprise, 2018

-Second place, Features, 2017

-First place, General News, 2016

-First place, Rookie Reporter, 2016

Society of Professional
Journalists

-Second place, Health/Medical, 2018

-First place, General News, 2017

Press Club of Western PA

Winning entry, Multimedia, 2018

with photographer Andrew Russell

"After 135 Years of Floods, Riots and Escapes,
Pennsylvania's Oldest Prison Goes Quiet"

EDUCATION

Point Park University

Master of Arts (April 2014)

Journalism and Mass Communication

Criminal justice reporting track

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts (May 2012)

Major: Journalism / Minors:

Criminology, political science