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

EXPERIENCE

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Pittsburgh, Pa.

STAFF WRITER — 2012-Present

Criminal justice coverage

-Duties range from daily and in-depth coverage of crime, court proceedings and other spot news to news features and investigative reporting on a range of justice-related topics

-Examples include coverage of George Floyd-inspired protests in Pittsburgh that resulted in injuries, arrests and internal investigations; 2018 Tree of Life synagogue shooting; the 2018 police shooting of an unarmed Black teenager and the resulting trial and protests; and the mishandling of a 2020 mass shooting trial that included accusations of police misconduct and Brady violations

-Enterprise pieces include investigating the police practice of criminalizing condoms for sex workers and examining the opioid epidemic and its effects

-Current projects include a document-driven look at who is really being charged under Pennsylvania's drug delivery resulting in death law and the wild variations in sentencing; analysis of trends and practices by the state Board of Probation and Parole; and tracking outcomes in the resentencing of Pennsylvania's juvenile lifers

COVID-19 pandemic coverage

-Coverage has included updates on deaths in state prisons and the number of incarcerated people released under the governor's pandemic reprieve program

-Current projects include a look at how the pandemic has stalled the pardon and parole process and the pandemic's effect on substance use treatment

SELECT AWARDS

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Second place, Special Project, 2018

Press Club of Western PA
Winning entry, Multimedia, 2018
with photographer Andrew Russell

Pennsylvania NewsMedia
Association
Honorable mention, News feature, 2020

Society of Professional
Journalists
First place, Online/Breaking, 2020
First place, Daily/Spot, 2020
Second place, Health/Medical, 2018
First place, General News, 2017

PA Women's Press Association
First place, Online/breaking, 2020
First place, General News, 2019
First place, Investigative, 2019
First place, Health/Science, 2018
First place, Profiles/Interviews, 2018
First place, Multimedia, 2018

OTHER SKILLS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

-Working knowledge of HTML, CSS,
other basics of coding

-Proficient in Photoshop, InDesign,
other Adobe programs

-Skilled in iMovie, Videolicious,
iPhone photography, social media,
digital communications

-Occasional guest on local NPR
affiliate WESA discussing local news

-Associate producer for "Tree of Life:
One year Later" documentary

-3x selected fellow, Guggenheim
Symposium on Crime in America
February 2018 + 2019, New York City

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

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