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## **Summary**

I have a passion and a knack for impactful storytelling. My specialty is transforming complex issues into digestible information. I am always eager to create unique opportunities for myself and to contribute to positive change in the world. I hope to expand the boundaries of audio journalism as an innovative reporter in an emerging field. My specific interests include political satire and climate policy.

## **Experience**

### Journalism:



Radio Catskill

June 2025 - Present

- Directs two-way interviews and audio packages for podcast and radio
- Pitches and investigates stories of environmental policy, regional elections, and human interest
- Writes web copy and publishes on WordPress, utilizing HTML and SEO



### Freelance Reporter

Various Publications

Aug 2020 - Present

- Pitches articles to magazines, newspapers, and radio
- Published in Salon, GO Magazine, Cambridge Day, and other outlets
- Distributed weekly Substack newsletter on local elections



WERS 88.9 FM

Sep 2022 - May 2023

- Produced audio packages for news show
- Brainstormed programming ideas in weekly meetings
- Hosted "Standing Room Only" show on weekend mornings

- Researched history of musicals and contextualized them for a diverse and modern audience

## <sup>∰</sup> Homepage Co-Op

**Boston Globe Media** 

Jan 2022 - Jul 2022

- Reported on local and national issues
- Added captions, photos, and headlines to articles
- Wrote social media posts
- Curated live feed and homepage with breaking news

## News Anchor and MMJ

WEBN-TV Boston

Sep 2020 - Sep 2022

- Anchored Boston's mayoral election special
- Produced video packages for special presidential election episode
- Reported live as a political and foreign correspondent

## ■ News Intern

Society of Professional Journalists

Jun 2021 - Sep 2021

- Wrote a profile on the new national president of SPJ
- Reported on MediaFest conference for organization's news page

## Multimedia Associate

UMA - Urban Media Arts/Malden Access Television

Jan 2021 - Jun 2021

- Researched, hosted, and produced the company podcast
- Community beat reporter for Neighborhood View
- Coordinated town reading event of Trevor Noah's autobiography



Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Sep 2020 - Dec 2020

- Covered local politics for an alt-weekly newspaper, DigBoston
- Built weekly community event list

# Political Correspondent

The Emerson Channel

Sep 2019 - Jan 2020

- Wrote broadcast scripts for the political section of Emerson's morning news show
- Reported on national politics live and in-studio

### **Social Justice:**



## Environmental Interpreter

#### AmeriCorps/National Park Service

Aug 2023 - August 2024

- Researched, developed, and led conservation programs to address interpretation themes
- Collaborated with park rangers for visitor and community outreach initiatives
- Completed a post-grad year of service with CAC AmeriCorps



## Behavioral Health Technician

Behavioral Health Works. Inc.

Nov 2022 - May 2023

- Used ABA techniques to provide 1-1 support to the autistic community
- Assisted special education teachers in middle school classrooms
- Collected data and ran behavioral intervention plans



### Youth Organizing Fellow

### Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

- Organized events advocating for legislation such as the Equality Act
- Wrote passionately about reproductive freedom
- Trained in nonprofit law, communication, and leadership



#### Career Coach

#### Jewish Vocational Services Boston

Sep 2021 - Jan 2022

Promoted from Disability Services Assistant

- Curated workshops on career skills
- Provided 1-1 support to developmentally disabled clients
- Guided the curation of resumes and cover letters

# Communications and Outreach Intern

#### NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland

Jun 2020 - Oct 2020

- Drove website relaunch
- Built press contact lists
- Wrote press releases
- Created social media posts



### Student Advisory Committee- Taskforce Member

**Emerson College** 

Jun 2020 - Oct 2020

- Represented the student body while developing reopening plans during the pandemic



#### Global Education and Development Intern

#### It Gets Better Project

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Researched and entered data for over 1,000 LGBTQ+-friendly organizations
- Wrote blog posts
- Cultivated a strong social media presence



## Communications Intern

#### Global Fund to End Modern Slavery

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Designed graphics
- Authored articles and grant proposals
- Restructured the company's social media strategy



## Political Affairs Intern

#### The Borgen Project

Apr 2020 - Jun 2020

- Researched and wrote about issues of global poverty
- Met with Congressional representatives to advocate for bills increasing foreign aid Fundraised through digital content and direct outreach to communities and individuals



## Campaign Intern

#### Pam Luby for Delegate, Shelia Bryant for Congress

May 2017 - June 2020

- Drove youth outreach and voter registration
- Managed the candidates' social media presences
- Redesigned websites
- Canvassed at the polls
- Analyzed candidate's performance at events and provided feedback accordingly



### Co-Director of Inclusion Committee

#### Severn School

Aug 2016 - May 2019

- Co-founded "Unity Day" after months of tirelessly advocating for its creation
- Ran outreach with a global organization as Vice-President of the Amnesty International School Chapter -Elected president of Supporting Women Across the Globe (SWAG) club
- Attended frequent workshops on creating a more inclusive environment for community members -Participated in twelve different diversity conferences
- Co-organized the Baltimore Student Diversity Leadership Conference

- Selected to represent the school at the National Student Diversity Leadership Conference

### **Comedic Arts:**



## Program Director and Show Host

Radio Free Brooklyn

June 2025 - Present

- Hosts weekly political satire show "The Gag Order" live in-studio
- Manages all logistics (booking guests, promoting content, etc.)



### Stand-Up Comedian

#### Self-Employed

January 2025 - Present

- Performs for a variety of audiences
- Engages in crowd work, impressions, etc.



### Tour Guide

#### Nightly Spirits Boston

Apr 2022 - May 2023

- Led haunted pub crawls in downtown Boston
- Shared local history as well as both funny and scary ghost stories



## Co-Head Writer

#### Emerson Independent Video

Feb 2021 - May 2021

Promoted from Comedic Writer of "The Timeline"

- Created segments for late-night satirical news show
- Managed a group of over a dozen writers
- Ensured script was written well and on-time
- Researched current events

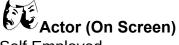


## Creative Director

#### **Emerson College**

Aug 2020 - May 2021

- Wrote satirical content for "One Emerson"
- Used humor to encourage students to be safe during pandemic
- Engaged school through interactive signs, videos, and flyers



#### Self Employed

Sep 2019 - Mar 2020

- 707: A Sitcom (Emerson Channel)
- Art for Death or Vice Versa (Women in Motion short film)
- Atomic Poop: (Independent feature film)
- Commercial for job-seeking app



#### Severn School

Sep 2015 - May 2019

- Had a variety of on-stage roles, including leads, for productions
- Performed an original monologue for an advanced acting class
- Handled spotlight on cat-walk
- Efficiently broke down sets and managed props

#### Other:

### N'Graduate Assistant

New York University Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholars Program Sep 2024 - June 2025

- Mentored undergraduate students passionate about social justice
- Ran program's social media presence
- Provided general admin support



Soccer Shots

Sep 2024 - December 2024

- Taught fundamental skills for personal and athletic development
- Ran practices for students ages two to nine

## Student Ambassador

**Emerson College** 

Sep 2021 - May 2023

- Led prospective students on campus tours
- Assisted visitors' center with outreach and communications



**Emerson College** May 2021 - Jan 2022

- Curated programming to improve student life
- Researched and presented on issues of diversity and inclusion
- Filled out detailed incident reports and other paperwork



Swan Boats of Boston

Aug 2021 - Sep 2021

- Pedaled the iconic Boston swan boats
- Provided superb customer service
- Maintained efficiency on the dock
- Answered questions about Boston
- Told jokes and historical facts to guests

#### **Education**

## N'New York University

Master of Arts: Podcasting and Audio Reportage September 2024 - December 2025 (Expected)

- Orientation Leader
- Student Panelist
- Dean's Scholarship

Awarded to ten students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences each year Provides full funding for tuition and fees
Selected for commitments to social justice and academic achievement



Bachelor of Science: Journalism - *cum laude* Aug 2019 - May 2023

- Honors Program and Dean's List
- Dean's Fellow for Equity and Inclusion
- Minors in Peace and Social Justice& Comedy: Writing and Performance

## Severn School

High School Diploma - With Distinction Aug 2015 – May 2019

Headmaster's List and Fellows' Program

### **Licenses & Certifications**

Climate Reporting - Climate Matters in the Newsroom

Marketing - Alliance for Better Nonprofits

Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change - Salzburg Global Seminar

**Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)** - Behavior Analyst Certification Board Issued Nov 2022 - Expires Nov 2023 RBT-22-245089

**Universal Participation** - Partners for Youth with Disabilities

**Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research** - CITI Program *Issued Sep 2022 - Expires Sep 2025* 51653329

CPR/AED/First Aid - American Red Cross

Issued Nov 2022 - Expires Nov 2024 Confirmation: 012DFHL

**Foundations of Interpretation** - Indiana University Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands

ProValens Learning

**Civil Rights and Disaster Assistance** - FEMA

Confirmation: IS-21:23

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - Global Fund to End Modern Slavery

Core Cultural Identifier Workshop Facilitation - Severn School

**Business Ethics and Conduct** - Global Fund to End Modern Slavery

Child Abuse and Neglect - Severn School

**Coach Training** - U.S. Soccer Federation

### <u>Skills</u>

Audio Reporting • Pro Tools • Reaper • Multimedia Journalism • Environmental Education • LGBTQ+ Issues • Gender Theory • Project Management • News Writing • Adobe Suite (Premiere, Photoshop, Audition, and Lightroom) • Political Satire • Social Media • Introductory Arabic and Spanish

### **Volunteer Work**

~ Menstrual Health Educator: Ministry of Hope Malawi

- ~ Club President and Founder: Society of Professional Journalists **Emerson College Chapter**
- ~ Youth Board Secretary: Gigi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center
- ~ Shelter Assistant: Amigos de los Animales San Juan
- ~ Refugee Tutor: Woods Memorial Church
- ~ Treasurer: Emerson College Quidditch
- ~ Video Editor: International Planned Parenthood Federation Morocco
- ~ Student Panelist: NYU GSAS Committee
- ~ Basketball Coach: Green Hornets

### **Honors & Awards**

#### Taylor-Blakeslee Graduate Fellowship - Council for the Advancement of Science Writing

Jan 2025

Press Release Link

#### Phillips-Green Scholarship – NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ+ Journalists Oct 2023

Selected by leadership of NLGJA and the CONNECT student training project

Provides tuition funding to students who aspire to pursue a career in journalism and media.

#### **Deadline Club Scholarship** - Society of Professional Journalists May 2024

## Julie Galvan Outstanding Graduate in Journalism - Society of Professional

**Journalists** 

Aug 2023

Press Release Link

#### Nominee for Outstanding Opinion Article - The EVVYs

May 2023

#### Global Changemaker - Unite 2030

Sep 2022

My team of three received second place for our proposal that we pitched to representatives from the UN Foundation, UN Women, and more!

"Period Power" would launch menstrual education into schools around the world. As the second-place winner, my team gets to move forward with the project and receive special training on professional development.

### Nominee for Outstanding Social Justice Campaign - The EVVYs

May 2022

Designed a plan for disability inclusion as an Urban Media Arts company delegate for Partners for Youth with Disabilities

#### Student Broadcaster Scholarship - Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Jul 2021

#### Fellow - Investigative Reporters and Editors

May 2021

Learned crucial investigation skills

## **Future Leaders Academy** - Society of Professional Journalists *Jul* 2022

Selected to attend a weekend-long conference training journalists

#### Student Leadership Institute - Society of Professional Journalists

Jul 2021

Selected to attend a weekend-long conference training student journalists

#### Future Leader - Future Now Media and Entertainment Conference May 2021

Selected to attend a major media conference where I attended panels and met professionals in the industry https://www.futurenowconference.com/

#### Nominee for Outstanding Special Production - The EVVYs

May 2021

Produced a segment for "The Boston Beat" on WEBN-TV

#### **Scholar** – Hillel Jewish Education Program

Fall 2020

#### Bill Marcus Student Scholarship- First Place - Society of Professional Journalists

**New England** 

Dec 2020

#### Ambassador Award - Emerson College Quidditch

Dec 2020

#### President's Circle - The Borgen Project

Jun 2020

#### Public Outreach Award - The Borgen Project

Jun 2020

### "Why Democracy Matters" Speech Contest - Veterans of Foreign Wars Aug 2019

Third Place

#### Latin Honors Society - National Junior Classical League

Mar 2019

cum laude

References and work samples available upon request. Thank you!