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Staff Reporter, Santa Cruz Sentinel

October 2020 – present

I report stories on wildfire, environment and equity across the Monterey Bay area. These pieces are frequently republished in the Mercury News. In a year with the paper, I've earned two state-level awards for my wildfire coverage and reported hundreds of stories. My reporting on climate-fueled disasters has been featured by the Los Angeles Times and The New York Times. I'm also Wildland Firefighter Type II certified, to get closer to the story.

- Craft and report daily stories and investigative features independently, while jumping on breaking news
- Capture exciting scenes in the field for print, often taking photos for stories
- Develop and maintain strong wildfire, government and science sources throughout Central Coast region
- Meet obligation of writing five to seven stories a week, adhering to tight deadlines and AP style
- Translate complicated science to a general audience, with minimal editing resources available
- Forge relationships with residents in rural communities of South County and the Santa Cruz Mountains
- Work collaboratively with team of four, assisting colleagues with reporting
- Create social media threads on in-depth or breaking stories to engage readers and increase digital reach
- Fill in on editing duties, as well as pitch series and projects to team.

Kroc Fellow, NPR

September 2019 – September 2020

I was selected as one of three Kroc Fellows nationally. In this role I pitched, reported and produced audio and digital stories for NPR, KQED and KAZU. I worked on the network's news and national desks as well as Weekend Edition. My reporting aired on news magazines such as All Things Considered and Morning Edition, where I was interviewed live during the CZU Lightning Complex fire. My stories were a part of KAZU's 2020 National Edward R. Murrow Award for Continuing Coverage on wildfire.

- Conducted in-depth research and interviews, reporting accurately and ethically
- Reported in the field independently, capturing sounds, photos and videos
- Pitched, reported, wrote and produced stories for online and broadcast
- Utilized Pacer, LexisNexis and TLOxp in reporting
- Filed FOIA requests and obtained records on firefighter health issues
- Reviewed and cut raw audio as well as produced and mixed pieces for air
- Covered the COVID-19 pandemic and racial justice protests extensively for News Desk.

On-call Reporter and Producer, KQED News

June 2019 – August 2019

In this role I covered news stories in the South Bay and Santa Cruz, such as the Gilroy Garlic Festival shooting.

- Pitched and reported original local digital and radio stories
- Wrote, produced and filed stories from the field
- Took interviews live with the BBC, KQED and CapRadio while covering the Gilroy Garlic Festival shooting
- Wrote and designed web posts on WordPress using HTML.

News Intern, KQED Science

January 2019 – June 2019

I pitched, reported and produced more than 30 stories on health, ecology and the environment for online and broadcast, while in a full-time master's program. In this role I also crafted stories on PFAS chemicals, a beat few had covered in the state. My reporting was often featured on The California Report, airing on public radio stations across California.

Editorial Intern, the Monterey County Herald

October 2018 – January 2019

I wrote news and feature stories on local science and environment issues. Over the course of the internship, I became ingrained within the Monterey community and earned the trust of local sources. The stories I wrote often also ran in the Mercury News, East Bay Times and Santa Cruz Sentinel.

Editorial Intern, EARTH Magazine**November 2017 – July 2018**

I researched, pitched and wrote stories on exciting and cutting-edge earth science research. These topics ranged from the impact of climate change on infrastructure, to driftwood recording sea ice levels in the Arctic. I represented EARTH as a member of the press at the annual AGU conference in December 2017.

Geologist, Arcadis**January 2016 – November 2017**

As a staff geologist on the west coast remediation team, I led field efforts and wrote reports on site assessments, investigations and remediation projects in California. In this role I reviewed regulatory data, researched site histories, ordered sampling media and communicated with project managers, clients and regulators.

Education

University of California, Santa Cruz**Santa Cruz, CA**

Master of Science in Science Journalism

June 2019

Bachelor of Science in Earth Science, Environmental Geology

June 2015

Awards and accomplishments

First place 2020 California Journalism [Award in Wildfire Feature Coverage](#)

May 2021

Second place 2020 California Journalism [Award in In-Depth Reporting](#)

May 2021

Contributed to KAZU's 2020 [National Edward R. Murrow Award for Continuing Coverage on wildfire](#)

May 2021

Wildland Firefighter Type II certification

April 2021

Selected to attend the Institute for Journalism & Natural Resources [Wildfire in the West Workshop](#)

April 2021