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Reporting, Writing & Editing

Investigative Reporting Workshop at American University

Washington, DC

Intern

June 2019 – Present

- Contribute research and reporting to investigative projects while embedded part-time with the Washington Post's Investigative Team; write [daily stories](#); create graphics and data visualizations; maintain social media accounts

The College Hill Independent

Providence, RI

Metro and Special Projects Editor

December 2017 – May 2019

- Coordinated multi-week team [investigations](#) and [features projects](#) involving original data collection; coached writers through the reporting and story development process; edited and laid out articles with InDesign for weekly paper with circulation of 2,000

MuckRock News

Cambridge, MA

Editorial Intern

August 2018 – January 2019

- Filed hundreds of document requests using FOIA and public records law at all levels of government; appealed denials; pitched and wrote stories on information obtained; built crowd-sourced document analysis projects

The New England Center for Investigative Reporting at WGBH News

Boston, MA

Reporting Intern

June 2018 – August 2018

- Collected court records in-person and using PACER; obtained and cleaned datasets; conducted interviews and research for investigative projects relating to criminal justice, elder care, and money in politics; wrote reporting memos and conducted originality research on story ideas
- Co-reported and wrote [in-depth story on missing pension benefits](#); wrote occasional news story on daily deadline

RioOnWatch.org

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Reporter

August 2017 – February 2018

- Reported on favela activists and community organizing; covered events and wrote stories on weekly deadlines
- Collected data for [Sustainable Favela Network digital mapping project](#)

Education

Brown University

Providence, RI • Class of 2019

- B.A. in Anthropology and B.A. in Portuguese & Brazilian Studies, *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Recipient of English Department's 2019 Betsy Amanda Lehman '77 Award for Excellence in Journalism

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • Fall 2017

- Fall 2017 semester study abroad in Brazil for six months

Work Experience & Community Engagement

Brown University Writing Center

Providence, RI

Writing Fellow

May 2018 – May 2019

- Coach student writers across academic disciplines through the revision process of academic papers, with the goal of improving writing ability and producing clear, accessible work; give written and verbal feedback on writing

Petey Greene Program at the Adult Correctional Institute of Rhode Island

Providence, RI

Tutor

January 2016 – September 2018

- Tutored incarcerated people in Adult Basic Education classes on math, writing, and reading in Spanish and English
- Produced 10-minute podcast on GED teachers and classrooms within Rhode Island state prisons

Proficiencies

Languages: Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese (reading/writing/speaking)

Tech: Proficient with spreadsheet software; audio production with Adobe Audition; live-tweeting coverage of events; coding Python scripts to scrape, manipulate and visualize data; CMS (WordPress & Django); use of LexisNexis, PACER, Adobe InDesign, and Tableau. Experience with state and local court, law enforcement, and procurement databases.

Affiliations: Investigative Reporters and Editors (member)