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- EDUCATION -

New York University

Graduating December 2018

M.A. Journalism | *Reporting the Nation and New York*

Appalachian State University (Non-Degree Seeking)

January 2016 – May 2017

COM 2600: Introduction to Journalism

COM 2610: New Writing and Reporting

COM 4610: Specialized Reporting

Appalachian State University

May 2012

Bachelor of Music: K-12 Instrumental Music Education

- JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE -

Pavement Pieces

September 2017 - Present

- [Coded an interactive map](#) to visualize New York Marathon coverage
- Produced multimedia packages; profiling a local business and documented a housing rally
- Reported and photographed [United Nations protests](#) and [transportation initiatives](#)
- Investigated [undocumented 9/11 victims](#) and the opiate crisis in Staten Island

BKLYNR [Brooklyn]

October 2017 – Present

- Analyzing FDNY data to show electrical fire trends in gentrifying neighborhoods
- [Photographed and reported](#) an active shooting and fire after hearing on police scanner

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March 2016 – Nov. 2016

- Self-published [local political stories](#) from Northwestern North Carolina during 2016 elections
- Coded an [interactive map](#) with GIS data to highlight racial gerrymandering
- [Expanded coverage](#) to include profiles of business, nonprofits and locals

Watauga Democrat

October 2016

- Produced [a multimedia package and article](#) for local paper on nonprofit's church restoration

- OTHER EXPERIENCE -

Young Eisner Scholars (YES)

August 2012 – July 2017

- Founded educational programs in rural Appalachia and impoverished New York City
- Placed low-income public school students in private primary schools, colleges, and internships
- Coordinated relationships with families and schools in regards to admissions, financial aid, and student support services

- SKILLS & INTERESTS -

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, SQL
- Virtual Reality Photography and Video
- GIS Mapping Software
- Wordpress and SEO Techniques
- Nonprofit Management
- Education Reform
- Service Learning (AmeriCorps Alumni)
- Music, Contra Dance, Crosswords