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SKILLS

Computer-assisted reporting
(Microsoft Excel and Access)

Web-based sleuthing

Public records research

Online social media

Blogging

Website design and coding

Audio and video production

Photography

ONLINE PORTFOLIO

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PROFILE

- Two decades of reporting experience drawn from some of the country's best newsrooms, including The Sacramento Bee, The Boston Globe, The Virginian-Pilot, The Seattle Times and The Detroit Free Press
- Baghdad bureau reporter for McClatchy Newspapers
- National co-chair for the Asian American Journalists Association's MediaWatch project
- AAJA Executive Leadership Program graduate
- Poynter Institute fellow for Deadline Narrative Writing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Center for Journalists: Washington, D.C. (February 2011-present)

Foreign reporting fellow. Traveled to Laos to examine how traditional beliefs hamper medical care in a country that has one of the least developed health care systems in Southeast Asia – and how tribal medicine abroad influences how hospitals in California and other states provide care to immigrant patients. Also developing report on the millions of unexploded bombs in Laos that are the legacies of the secret war waged four decades ago by the United States in Indochina.

Sacramento Bee: Sacramento, Calif. (January 2006-February 2011)

Health care reporter (September 2008-February 2011). Reported on the overhaul of the country's health care system and the cost drivers behind the rising cost of medicine. Coverage focused on state and federal politics, legislation and policy. Used investigative techniques, computer-assisted reporting and well-developed sourcing skills to ferret stories. Wide ranging coverage of beat showed how far-reaching health care issues are in the day-to-day lives of Americans.

- Covered the Iraq war, Iraq-Turkey border crisis and the fractious internal politics of the Iraqi government for McClatchy Newspapers (Fall 2007). Developed sources within the military, U.S. State Department and Iraqi government. Helped oversee a staff of more than a dozen Iraqi journalists and security staff during the peak of violence in Iraq.
- Deftly shifted gears as general-assignment reporter (March 2007-September 2008) – from forest fires and war protests to city bankruptcies and same-sex marriages. Editor called me a “dervish” who regularly spun out sophisticated stories on deadline.
- Partnered with investigative team for computer-assisted reporting projects. Mined and analyzed databases, scientific research and statistical surveys to uncover trends.
- Reviewed stories as copy editor (January 2006-March 2007) for journalistic integrity and style. Wrote headlines, photo captions and edited wire copy for space. Acquired page-design skills.
- Drafted newsroom rules as member of ethics committee. Wrote policy for online code of conduct. Also served on newsroom committee to review the use of racial identifiers.
- Covered last fall's baseball World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers, contributing stories on a proposed ban on chewing tobacco in major league baseball, how social media is transforming fan experience and the science behind sports euphoria.

Boston Globe: Boston, Mass. (February 2003-December 2005)

Freelance correspondent for National Desk. Contributed news and features on Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area, with emphasis on state government, politics and the environment.

Virginian-Pilot: Norfolk, Va. (1998-99) General assignment and education reporter. Wrote news and features on Chesapeake, one of the country's fastest growing communities. Also covered the Tidewater Community College system.

Seattle Times: Seattle, Wash. (1997) Covered Metropolitan King County Council and the city of Redmond, home to Microsoft, as part of suburban beat.

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Detroit Free Press: Detroit, Mich. (1996-97) Cops and courts reporter. Brought a writer's touch to stories about public justice, tragedy and the human spirit.

Valley Times/Contra Costa Times: Pleasanton, Calif. (1995)
Spot news reporter. Covered the return of Raiders football to Oakland, including stories on the politics and financing of a new stadium.

Redding Record Searchlight: Redding, Calif. (1990-94)
Anchored political and government coverage of California's sprawling north state area. Built reputation as a tenacious reporter unafraid to hold public officials accountable. Also served as fill-in night city editor and volunteered for copy desk shifts.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley (1985-88)
Majored in legal studies. Also attended New York University (1983-84). Worked part-time as a reporter for the El Cerrito Journal.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Asian American Journalists Association
National and Sacramento chapter leader for AAJA.

- Serve on National Advisory Board (2006-Present).
- Cultivate partnerships with community groups, sponsors and news media organizations.
- Co-chair of national MediaWatch project, AAJA's watchdog arm for fair and accurate news coverage of Asian Americans; online moderator for MediaWatch social networks.
- Launched internship partnership with The Sacramento Bee.
- Mentor young journalists as they navigate their first jobs. Also advise high school and college students seeking newsroom careers.
- Maintain chapter website, and design brochures and other outreach material.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Languages: basic Spanish; studied French, Latin and Tagalog; and fluent in Ilocano, a Filipino dialect.
- Participated in National Public Radio storytelling boot camp, August 2011.
- Seasoned traveler: frequent trips to Southeast Asia, Latin America and Europe.
- Technophile who keeps abreast of the latest gadgets, software and technological advances.

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