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PORTFOLIO

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Independent data journalist and consultant, December 2014—present

Niles Media LLC, Montpelier, Vt.

- ▶ Conduct data-driven investigative and enterprise reporting for public radio, print and online publications
- ▶ Practice accountability and solutions journalism, with an emphasis on state-level public policies regarding economic and community development
- ▶ Produce data research, reporting and visualizations — working both independently and collaboratively to assist newsrooms with special projects and to support beat reporting
- ▶ Guide newsrooms through data capacity building
- ▶ Advocate for press freedom and freedom of information

Business reporter and data specialist, June 2013—December 2014

Vermont Journalism Trust, VTDigger.org, Montpelier, Vt.

- ▶ Report on economic development, business news and labor issues for nonprofit news website specializing in state policy and politics
- ▶ Acquire and analyze data to inform reporting and produce interactive visualizations
- ▶ Shoot and edit photos for daily and feature news stories

Reporter and anchor, January—May 2013

NPR Affiliate KBIA 91.3 FM, Columbia, Mo.

- ▶ Pitch and report day-turn and other news stories
- ▶ Curate, edit and anchor live afternoon newscast
- ▶ Edit and coach undergraduate journalists through reporting and production processes

Researcher, May 2012—July 2013

Investigative Reporting Workshop, Washington, D.C.

- ▶ Research and co-author grant-funded report on measuring the impact of news
- ▶ Research nonprofit contributions to government transparency
- ▶ Fact-check and proofread information graphics and investigative reports
- ▶ Conduct field interviews for multimedia investigation

Graduate research assistant, August 2011—May 2013

Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), Columbia, Mo.

- ▶ Support and administer program to train college journalists in investigative skills
- ▶ Contribute to strategic redesign of student training program

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Reporter, August—December 2011 and August—December 2012

The Columbia Missourian daily newspaper, Columbia, Mo.

- ▶ Cover state government and elections (2012) and city/county government (2011)
- ▶ Build network of sources within government, business and residential communities
- ▶ Generate photographic, graphic and outreach potential to complement textual reporting
- ▶ Work with multimedia teams and copy desk to execute timely, accurate reporting

Founding publisher, December 2008—June 2011

Front Door Politics, N.H.

- ▶ Create statehouse legislative reporting service, online learning center and biannual Voter's Guide for the general public, written in jargon-free language
- ▶ Research and write weekly topical reports during the legislative session
- ▶ Provide editorial direction for all content; hire, manage and edit freelance writers
- ▶ Oversee and administer website publication; manage print syndication

Founding volunteer, December 2003—April 2010

Portsmouth Community Radio, WSCA-LP 106.1 FM, Portsmouth, N.H.

- ▶ Personnel Director, March 2006—November 2007
- ▶ News and Public Affairs Department Co-founder, January 2006—November 2007
- ▶ Program Director, December 2003—May 2005

Radio production intern, January—May 2009

"Here and Now," NPR Affiliate WBUR 89.5 FM, Boston, Mass.

- ▶ Generate and refine story concepts and produce segments for nationally syndicated public radio program providing a one-hour daily digest of news and culture
- ▶ Create billboard and promotional cuts; write synopses for online archives

Research assistant, Bi-State Green Project, February—March 2008

Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (N.H.) and
Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (Maine)

- ▶ Research and interview experts in climate change mitigation
- ▶ Lay out and proofread 20-page final report

Freelance feature writer, proofreader, September 2005—February 2008

The Wire weekly arts & culture newspaper, Portsmouth, N.H.

- ▶ Pitch stories and produce feature assignments
- ▶ Provide final proofreading corrections and copy editing suggestions for 32-page weekly arts and culture newspaper, according to AP and house styles

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Private investigations researcher, January 2015—October 2015

On Point Investigations, Boston, Mass.

- ▶ Interview former employees of corporations suspected of securities fraud
- ▶ Generate source leads and track down contact information
- ▶ Develop interview questions to illuminate legal complaints
- ▶ Summarize research and interviews in written memos

Principal, February 2008—August 2011

Niles Media, LLC, Barrington, N.H.

- ▶ Marketing and public relations consulting for artists, nonprofits and small businesses
- ▶ Community relations, strategic marketing campaigns, organizational alliances, publicity, publications, website development and social media

Development and community relations associate, April 2005—January 2006

Star Island Corporation, Portsmouth, N.H.

- ▶ Database Administrator
- ▶ Publications Manager
- ▶ Annual Meeting organizer

Bartender and waitress, September 1995—February 2008

The Riverworks Tavern, Newmarket, N.H.

Farmer, January 1999—March 2001

Heron Pond Farm, South Hampton, N.H.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Ted Scripps Leadership Institute, Baltimore, MD

Fellowship for leadership training from SPJ and Scripps Howard Foundation, May 2016

Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia, MO

Master of Arts (ABD), August 2011—May 2013, Class of 2017

Custom curriculum in data-driven, investigative storytelling and public policy reporting

National Institute for Computer Assisted Reporting, Columbia, MO

Professional “boot camp” in data reporting, January 2012

Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, Portland, ME

Documentary Writing and Editing certificate, May 2002

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

Bachelor Arts in English, May 1999

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AWARDS

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Award, June 2014

For “Measuring Impact: The art, science and mystery of nonprofit news,” by Charles Lewis and Hilary Niles, Investigative Reporting Workshop, published August 2013.

MEMBERSHIPS

Investigative Reporters & Editors • National Freedom of Information Coalition • National Press Club • Solutions Journalism Network • Society of Professional Journalists (FOI Committee member, Freelance Community board member)

OVERVIEW OF SKILLS

Data, Reporting and Research

Data analysis: Excel, Access, SQL, SPSS	Writing for print, radio and web
Data management: Navicat, Git, Google tools	Investigative, enterprise and beat reporting
Data visualization: Tableau, CartoDB	Source development, interviewing
Project management and impact assessment	Reporters’ shield laws
Information access: FOI, public records laws	Social media reporting and engagement
Document Cloud	Public Insight Network

Multimedia

Studio and field recording	Audio production (Audacity, Adobe Audition)
Digital and film photography	Photo editing (Photoshop)
Digital videography	Video editing (Final Cut Express)
Multimedia conception, design and planning	Information graphics and data visualization (Tableau, Adobe Illustrator, ArcGIS Online)

Website development

Establishing mission clarity	HTML, CSS
Designing effective navigational flow	WordPress
Cross-platform planning and collaboration	DreamWeaver