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Experience

Sacramento Bee

Sacramento, CA

Acting Folsom and El Dorado Hills Watchdog Reporter

August 2026-Present

- Cover local government, budgets, courts and policing in Folsom and El Dorado Hills as the sole reporter on the beat
- Write a weekly newsletter highlighting government and public safety news in Folsom and El Dorado Hills

Capital Bureau Intern

June 2026–August 2026

- Produced four to five stories a week, including coverage of California lawsuits against President Trump, local elections and the Justice Department's investigation of Gov. Newsom

Capital News Service

Annapolis, MD and Washington, DC

Reporter

August 2025–June 2026

- Pitched and wrote four enterprise stories on immigration enforcement in Maryland, using arrest data, court records and video analysis.
- Built an extensive network of sources, including elected officials, law enforcement, advocates and people directly impacted by the threat of deportation
- Published investigative story “How the Park Police are helping ICE carry out deportation efforts” in The Washington Post, co-produced accompanying [vertical video](#) with more than 70,000 Meta views

Howard Center for Investigative Journalism

College Park, MD

Investigative Journalism Fellow

August 2024–May 2026

- Led a team of four writers; produced a story for the Howard Center’s award-winning Off the Rails investigative series on regulatory gaps in the freight rail industry, published by AP and The Washington Post in Jan. 2026
- Tracked regulatory rules and lawsuits involving the freight rail industry; reviewed NTSB reports and a database of advisory group meetings; interviewed dozens of sources, including industry executives and NTSB officials.

Oklahoma Watch

Oklahoma City, OK

Scripps Howard News Intern

June 2025–August 2025

- Used court documents and a network of sources to report on a health insurance scam that trafficked more than 850 Oklahomans to Southern California for drug treatment.
- Investigated a group of online predator catchers using arrest records and body-cam footage from police across the state, tracking more than 50 criminal cases and interviewing more than 20 sources. The reporting contributed to third-degree felony charges against members of the group.

Brancart & Brancart

Pescadero, CA

Investigator

July 2021–June 2024

- Led investigations at a small civil rights law firm; collected public records, analyzed census data, conducted interviews, located witnesses and wrote civil complaints

Education

University of Maryland, Philip Merrill College

College Park, MD

Master of Journalism, Fellow, Howard Center for Investigative Journalism

May 2026

Pomona College

Claremont, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Gender and Women’s Studies (major), Politics (minor)

May 2021

Skills: Data analysis in R, PACER & state court filings, FOIA and public records, WordPress, LexisNexis, Microsoft Office Suite, NotebookLM and Pinpoint AI research tools

Awards:

Off the Rails: National Edward R. Murrow Award; SABEW Best in Business Award; SPJ Mark of Excellence National Finalist **Maryland’s surprising role in implementing Trump’s immigration agenda:** SPJ Mark of Excellence National Finalist; SPJ Region 2 Mark of Excellence 1st place