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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

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Major: Journalism (BA) | Secondary Major: Sustainable Communities | Certificate: Film Studies

SKILLS

Filmmaking | Premiere Pro • Final Cut Pro X • Cinematography • Documentary • Independent Film

Photography | Canon DSLR • 35mm film • Photoshop • Lightroom • InDesign

Reporting | Writing • Photojournalism • Research • Narration • Communication • Interviews

EXPERIENCE/WORK

Marketing and Distribution Associate, Native Seeds/SEARCH (Tucson, AZ) 2021- present

- Producing educational and engaging visual content for social media and marketing purposes.
- Assisting with distribution of seeds, native arts, and other locally-sourced online products.

AmeriCorps Arizona Serve Member, Mission Garden (Tucson, AZ) 2021

- Using skills in visual media to document events and produce content for social media and the website. Working with the Outreach Committee to extend educational resources in the community.

Farm Hand, The Hay House Farm (Old Saybrook, CT) 2020

- Completed day to day farm tasks such as maintaining perennial gardens, planting, watering, harvesting, chickens, weeding, mowing, and working the local farmers market.

Resident Assistant, University of Massachusetts (Amherst, MA) 2018 – 2020

- Establishing community for campus residents by offering campus resources, planning events, maintaining positive interactions, and collaborating with staff.

News Writing/Photo/Video Intern, Norwich Bulletin (Norwich, CT) 2019

- Covered a variety of news topics and features in Norwich and around eastern Connecticut.

HONORS/AWARDS

Yucca Valley Film Festival: “*Best Art Photography*” – [SOLO](#) 2021

UMass Amherst Sustainability Community Development Creative Achievement Award 2020

UMass Amherst Libraries: *Undergraduate Sustainability Research Award* - [Water We Doing?](#) 2019

Five College Film Festival: “*Best at UMass*” - [Water We Doing?](#) 2019

UMass College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Internship Award 2018

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

(2021, April 23). [The Loop](#), *Broad Magazine*.

(2019, June 24). [Griswold 8-year-old writes and illustrates graphic novel](#), *The Bulletin*. Norwich, CT.

(2019, April 28). [Kyoto Hanami](#), *AmherstWire.com*. Amherst, MA.

(2018, Dec. 6). [UMass students turn empty alleyway into festive space](#), *Amherstwire.com*.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

[SOLO \(2021\)](#)

14 min. Documentary Film

Director/Cinematographer/Editor

[UMass: Agriculture to Architecture \(2019\)](#)

15 min. Documentary Film

Director/Cinematographer/Editor

[A Wanderer's Japan \(2019\)](#)

10 min. Travel Film

Director/Cinematographer/Editor

[Water We Doing? \(2018\)](#)

15 min. Documentary Film

Director/Cinematographer/Editor