JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Senior Correspondent, KFF Health News September 2020 - Present

- Reporting enterprise and investigative stories on national health and health policy topics, with a focus on mental health, substance use, and suicide
- Stories republished in various partner outlets, including CNN & USA Today •
- Audio reporting for NPR, Science Friday, and other partner outlets
- Launched a series tracking states' use of \$50 billion in opioid settlement funds and led national coverage on the issue

Investigative Health Reporter, Spotlight PA

August 2019 - August 2020

- Investigated state response to COVID-19, from a hobbled public health workforce for contact tracing to a haphazard approach to nursing homes
- Exposed shortcomings in college mental health services, including a series that led to a policy change at Pa.'s largest community college system

Health Reporter. The Philadelphia Inquirer

June 2018 - July 2019

- Created a new beat on mental health, which the newspaper has sustained
- Reported enterprise stories on mental health, gun violence, and reproductive health
- Increased community engagement through public events and creation of a solutions-oriented series about diverse millennials around Philadelphia

Health Desk Assistant Producer, WNYC

October 2017 - May 2018

- Reported local health stories for NPR-affiliate radio, with a series of accountability pieces on lead poisoning in NYC children
- Produced and assisted in reporting Aftereffect podcast about adults with autism; wrote accompanying long-form article for The Washington Post

International Reporting Trip Winner & James Reston Fellow in Health & Science, The New York Times Times

June 2017 - August 2017

- Developed thoroughly researched and socially engaging multimedia posts on poverty, education and health in Liberia while on an international reporting trip with columnist Nicholas Kristof
- Reported enterprise health stories on topics like risky skin lightening • procedures, as well as quick-turn study stories, for Science Times



Multi-Department Intern, CNBC August 2016 - December 2016

- Reported enterprise articles for CNBC.com, focused on technology and . medicine & developed a strategy to grow social media following
- Conducted man-on-the-street interviews for TV & produced field shoots

Covered politics and public policy, with a focus on women's health and a

landmark Supreme Court abortion case, for a digital-only nonprofit outlet

News Reporting Fellow, The Texas Tribune

June 2016 - August 2016

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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Master of Public Health, expected May 2024 Recipient of Bloomberg American Health Initiative full-tuition fellowship

Northeastern University, Boston, MA Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, May 2017

AWARDS

Loeb Award for Personal Finance & **Consumer Reporting 2023** Member of a team that covered how medical debt is crushing patients

Institute for Nonprofit News Best Investigative Journalism 2021 Investigated the flawed oversight of addiction treatment facilities in PA

Rosalvnn Carter Mental Health **Reporting Fellowship 2019**

One of eight reporters chosen for a \$10K award to pursue a project on mental health

SKILLS

Technology: Audition, Premiere Pro, Canva

Language: fluent in Hindi and Gujarati; moderate proficiency in Spanish

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Mentor, Asian American Journalists Association

Mentored an early career journalist in professional development for one year

Mentor, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Mentored and edited a neuroscience graduate student in the Mass Media Fellowship for six months

Mentor, Acel Moore High School Journalism Workshop

Mentored and edited a Philadelphia student during a one-month workshop

AFFILIATIONS

Association of Health Care Journalists Asian American Journalists Association Chips Quinn Scholars Program South Asian Journalists Association



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