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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL *graduated June 2023*

- GPA: 3.94/4.00
- B.A. in Environmental/Urban Studies and Creative Writing (double-major)
- B.A. Thesis (with Honors) titled “Love is Not Apologist: Essays on Environmental Work and Life in Central Appalachia”

Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C. *graduated June 2019*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Coalfield Development *Fall 2023-Fall 2024*

Americorps Member for Appalachian Reuse Hub Team

- Support the Associate Director for Creative Reuse in community engagement through the ReUse Corridor (Central Appalachian region), a program which works to build a regional circular economy
- Plan and present at reuse- and recycling-themed education events for children and adults
- Create and market a new “hub” that processes and sells reclaimed wood and architectural salvage in the Huntington, WV area
- Design and distribute flyers, brochures, social media posts and educational videos

The Oxford American *Fall 2023-Winter 2024*

Editorial Intern

- Fact-check pieces to be published in the print or online editions of the *Oxford American Magazine*, corresponding with multiple authors at once in the process
- Write blurbs or commentary on songs selected for the Fall 2023 Music Issue CD
- Evaluate submissions to the *Oxford American* and vote on which pieces might be suitable for publication

Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting *Spring-Summer 2023*

Reporting Fellow

- Traveled across the country as an independent journalist covering Southern and Appalachian environmental issues
- Produced longform articles and a corresponding multimedia project
- Presented my research and writing in October 2023 at the Pulitzer Campus Consortium Fellows conference in Washington, D.C. (recording [here](#))

Assistant to Author Daisy Hernández *Summer 2022*

Editorial and Research Assistant

- Put together research reports for nonfiction author Daisy Hernández (*The Kissing Bug*) on topics ranging from immigration law to the history of the American healthcare system

- Promoted an anthology compiled by the author through social media posts; corresponded regularly with anthology contributors

The University of Chicago Program on the Global Environment *Fall 2020-Spring 2022*
Communications Intern

- Managed PGE’s social media accounts, posted about department events, news, and courses
- Conducted interviews and wrote blog posts about noteworthy environmental news or topics

Appalachian Voices *Summer 2021*
Editorial Communications Intern

- Authored journalistic [articles](#) on chemical pollution, black lung disease, energy democracy, and more for Appalachian Voices’ publication *The Appalachian Voice*
- Wrote blogs updating supporters on the nonprofit’s work
- Interviewed experts in environmental fields and conducted in-depth research for my reportage
- Collaborated with Appalachian Voices’ different advocacy teams to assess communications needs

The Nature Conservancy *Summer 2020*
Intern

- Monitored conservation easements, researched and wrote reports on marine restoration efforts in the Chesapeake Bay
- Analyzed strengths and weaknesses of Bay-related inter-state policy documents

The University of Chicago Program in Creative Writing *Fall 2019-Spring 2020*
Program Assistant

- Staffed author events, managed the program’s social media accounts, edited department website, completed office tasks, and transcribed audio from event videos

Community Power Group *Summer 2018*
Intern

- Performed market research and wrote reports detailing state solar energy policies, legislation, and financing programs
- Executed online market research and developed database of largescale solar development opportunities in Pennsylvania and Ohio
- Contacted landowners to assess their interest in leasing land for a solar farm

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Appalachian Studies Association Conference *Spring 2024*
Panelist

- Spoke on a panel titled “The State of Journalism in Appalachia: Truth-telling that honors community and resists reactive narratives” (recording [here](#))

Memoryhouse Magazine *Winter 2021-Summer 2023*
Editor-in-Chief

- Manage submissions to *Memoryhouse* magazine, which publishes literary work in the creative non-fiction and memoir genres, and lead meetings for the editorial team
- Suggest line-edits and larger conceptual/structural edits for creative nonfiction and poetry submissions accepted to the magazine, and communicate with writers about these changes

Gateway to the Great Outdoors, UChicago Chapter

Spring 2021

Member

- Packed outdoor education kits for Chicago Public School students who were learning at home during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ran a station for constructing wind turbines out of Legos at GGO's annual outdoor science fair for our students and their families

Presbyterian Church USA Youth Carbon Analyst Program

2017-2019

Founding Participant

- Used Energy Star's online energy benchmarking program to collect my church's natural gas and electricity usage data
- Researched ways in which the church building could be made more energy-efficient
- Presented findings to members of the National Capital Presbytery's EarthCare Network

Sidwell Bahamas Marine Ecology and Underwater Robotics Program

Summer 2018

Participant

- Constructed and piloted an underwater robot
- Worked on the environmentally sustainable Island School campus in Eleuthera, Bahamas
- Accompanied researchers during field work
- Learned to identify local plant and animal species

ACCOLADES AND PUBLICATIONS

- ["Young Appalachians Want Better Intergenerational Political Conversations"](#) for *100 Days in Appalachia* *Summer 2024*
- "Baronland" in *Untelling* *Summer 2024*
- ["Coal Miners, Racehorses, and the Grim Sacrifices they Share"](#) in *Orion* *Spring 2024*
- ["How to Sell Solar in Coal Country"](#) in *Grist* *Fall 2023*
- ["Echoes of Coal in West Virginians' Resistance to MVP"](#) in *The Daily Yonder* *Fall 2023*
- ["Skyscrapers in Suburbia"](#) in *Expositions* *Spring 2023*
- Non-fiction [piece](#) in *The Christian Century* *Winter 2023*
- ["The Invisible Neighborhood"](#) in *Terrain* *Summer 2022*
- Short story "The Cut" in *Euphony Journal* *Winter 2022*
- Published in the inaugural issue of ACE's *Youth Think Climate Magazine* *Spring 2020*
- Runner-up, *Euphony Journal's* 2020 Climate Fiction Contest *Spring 2020*
- Winner of Summer Short Story Contest for *Sliced Bread Magazine* *Winter 2020*

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Adobe InDesign, Microsoft Suite Applications, Google Suite Applications, WordPress website editing, Google Earth, ENvision MAPsearch, Hootsuite, GarageBand, Canva, Social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

