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Research Experience

Research Consultant, Washington DC

2016-2017

- Provide political, opposition, and investigative research to progressive organizations and campaigns.
- As a consultant for recent client, Good Jobs Nation, I assisted the organization as it developed a strategy to deal with challenges from the new administration. Along with monitoring breaking news, I researched Trump's cabinet nominees and conducted in-depth research on federal contractors' outsourcing activities.
- Currently assisting local groups in DC focused on racial justice, including SURJ and Stop Police Terror Project-DC. Work for SPTP-DC includes writing and managing an in-depth report on the political donors and corporate interests influencing DC officials and lawmakers around policing policies.

American Bridge, Senior Research Associate, Washington DC

2013-2016

- Managed, wrote, and edited major reports on issues such as voting and workers' rights, and extremist organizations. More than 19 published, including investigations into the NRA's ties to the gun industry, and the groups behind the unconstitutional abortion restrictions in Texas.
- Conducted and led in-depth research investigating conservative groups and funders, including original research on corporate connections, allegations of wrongdoing, and sources of income.
- Work cited or quoted in news outlets including Bloomberg, CNN, NBC, AP, Politico, BuzzFeed, The Hill, The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, and The New York Times.
- Monitored news events and managed rapid response teams.
- Trained and supervised new and less experienced employees.

Obama for America, Research Fellow, Chicago IL, Alexandria VA

2012

- Worked individually and with a team on in-depth research projects for OFA at Chicago HQ.
- Researched background of President Obama and his previous comments on issues.
- Researched backgrounds of high profile Romney campaign supporters.
- Collected fact checks and provided fact checks on allegations made by the Romney campaign.
- Researcher and team leader on a number of research projects for Obama for America – Virginia.

Investigative Reporting Workshop, Researcher, Washington, DC

2010-2011

- Researcher for the IRW project and book collaboration, *What Went Wrong: The Betrayal of the American Dream* (published in 2012 by Hachette and NYT bestseller).
- Assisted Charles Lewis, founder and executive editor of IRW, with in-depth research for his book, *935 Lies: The Future of Truth and the Decline of America's Moral Integrity* (published in 2014 by Hachette) and the website "Investigating Power." The research was featured by the National Press Club.

Education

Washington College, MD

2006-2010

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Creative Writing

- Merit-based \$40,000 Academic Tuition Scholarship.
- February through June 2009 studied at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.
- Completed a Senior Capstone Project which analyzed the influence of pharmaceutical corporations on U.S. policy toward Africa.
- Founder/Co-Editor college literary magazine, *The Colophon*.

Skills

LexisNexis, THOMAS/Congress.gov, OpenSecrets/FEC, CQ, MS Office, WordPress, GoogleDocs, Twitter