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EXPERIENCE

The Knoxville News Sentinel, USA Today

Knoxville, Tennessee

Accountability Reporting Intern

January 2026 - Present

- Pitch and report accountability stories that examine local policies, public institutions and their impact on East Tennessee.
- Use interviews, public records, data and fact-checking to produce original, compelling, deadline-driven reporting.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch, Lee Enterprises | Dow Jones News Fund

Richmond, Virginia

News Intern

June 2026 - August 2026

- Completed intensive Dow Jones News training in digital editing, newsroom workflows and multimedia journalism.
- Researched, pitched and reported original stories through interviews, public records and background research.
- Edited print and digital copy, headlines and cutlines while producing print page layouts for accuracy and clarity.
- Collaborated with reporters and editors to develop, revise and strengthen stories for print and digital publication.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville School of Journalism and Media

Knoxville, Tennessee

Student Assistant to Chair of Excellence

August 2026 - Present

- Assist Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Chris Mooney with data reporting and research projects.
- Clean and analyze datasets to identify trends and potential story angles.
- Conduct background research, fact-checking and source development for reporting projects.
- Use data analysis and visualization tools to clearly communicate complex findings.

The Daily Beacon

Knoxville, Tennessee

Managing Editor

May 2026 - Present

- Lead newsroom operations, coverage and coordination across editorial sections in a 24/7 digital news cycle, contributing to the publication being named Best Newspaper in the South by the Southeastern Journalism Conference, among other honors.
- Guide more than 200 staff while progressing high editorial standards and overseeing daily production and story development.
- Develop newsroom guidelines and training resources to improve editing, multimedia production and print-to-digital workflow.

Copy Chief

January 2026 - May 2026

- Recruited, scheduled and supervised copy editors while leading copy desk meetings and coordinating with section editors.
- Oversaw final story production across copy, headlines, photos, captions and digital elements for accuracy and style.
- Advanced efficient newsroom workflows and consistent, high standards from editing through publication.

Copy Editor

August 2023 - January 2026

- Edited articles, headlines, captions and ledes for AP style, accuracy and clarity.
- Collaborated with reporters and editors to strengthen structure and content of multimedia stories.

Citywire USA

New York, New York

Editorial Intern

June 2025 - July 2025

- Reported and published stories on financial markets, wealth management and investment trends for two daily newsletters.
- Interviewed CEOs, executives, analysts and investment professionals while editing copy and supporting daily coverage.

EDUCATION

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Communication and Information

Knoxville, TN

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Media

Graduation: December 2026

Major: Journalism and Media

Concentration: Creative Media

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

The University of Tennessee Study Abroad Program

Prague, Czech Republic

Going on Assignment in Prague

July 2025

- Produced written and video stories under deadline through field research and interviews.

SKILLS

Journalism: proficient in AP style, fact-checking, copy editing, proofreading, headline writing, interviewing, news and feature reporting.

Communications: proficient in internal team collaboration, external communications, content planning and storytelling strategy

Technology: proficient in Content Management Systems (BLOX, CMS, SNO, WordPress), AI chat tools and Google Workspace; Experience with Microsoft Office Suite (Proficient in Word, familiar with PowerPoint and Excel). Familiar with RStudio.