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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Director of Broadcast Operations & Radio Style Play-by-play Broadcaster March 2022 -- Present
Phoenix Rising FC (Phoenix Rising Radio Network) – USL Championship Phoenix, Arizona

- Radio Play-by-Play, Emcee, and host for Professional Soccer Club Phoenix Rising Football Club in the USL Championship.
- Talent scheduling and coordination for all Phoenix Rising Radio Network broadcast streams.
- Ad sales and advertisement distribution across the broadcast stream, Show hosting and content segment creator across PRRN platforms.
- Worked various roles outside of play-by-play: Analyst, Podcast Host, Emcee, Sideline Reporter, Producer/Audio Engineer, etc.
- Began as a student radio broadcast on Blaze Radio ASU in 2022. During my time as Director of Operations, it has become a part of Hubbard Radio KDUS AM 1060.

Play-by-play Board Operator May 2025 -- Present
Arizona Sports 98.7 FM & KTAR 92.3 FM Phoenix, Arizona

- Responsible for the live broadcast of various sports play-by-play and shows aired on our stations by operating the audio board.
- Played all non-live content such as commercials, rejoins, music, billboards, etc. Also responsible for recording and editing game highlights.
- With live broadcasting, I troubleshoot problems that may present themselves.
- Technical Director for: Diamondbacks, Suns, ASU Men’s Basketball and Football, Arizona Cardinals and various talk shows

Television Style Play-by-play Broadcaster & Broadcast Operations August 2022 -- Present
Arizona State on Pac-12 Network/Pac-12 Insider & ESPN+ Tempe, Arizona

- Television Play-by-play broadcaster for Big 12 on ESPN+ at Arizona State University and previously Pac-12 Network.
- TV Play-by-Play for Arizona State University Women’s Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball, Water Polo, Gymnastics, Wrestling and Tennis.
- Worked in event production as a director, technical director, graphics, and camera operator.

‘This League’ Podcast Host February 2025 -- Present
Backheeled.com Remote

- Contributing host on Backheeled’s flagship USL Championship talk show ‘This League’.
- Interview coaches from across the USL Championship and discuss topics and trends from around the league in 1 hour+ long show.
- Edit and mix the show in Adobe Premiere with the use of MOGRT lower thirds and graphical elements.

Play-by-play Broadcaster & Broadcast Operations July '22 | July '23 | August '24 | August '25
MLB Nike RBI Regionals | World Series, MLB.com Chicago, IL | Vero Beach, FL

- TV Play-by-Play for MLB RBI’s Central Regional. Produced and commentated on baseball and softball teams from ages 15-19.
- Promoted to the World Series crew in the Summer of 2024. Performed Play-by-play duties as well as broadcast operations on-site.

Station Manager, Sports Director, Radio Style Play-by-Play Broadcaster, Radio Host August 2021 -- May 2025
Blaze Radio, Arizona State Student Radio Phoenix, Arizona

- Radio Play-by-Play for Arizona State University Football, Men's and Women's Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, and Softball.
- Helped add more advanced and modern production elements, rejoins, equipment, etc., as well as more structured programming to the station.
- Station Manager: In charge of all logistical elements station-wide (400-person student body) and all Blaze Radio digital content, while also working to fund the Student Media Organization, cultivating partnerships and ad sales for both live and recorded content.
- Sports Director: In charge of all station sports programming (Live Events, 400+ Play-by-play broadcasts and 65+ hours of radio sports programming), writing and producing for sports programming.
- Contributor on ‘Furtado and Seymour’ (Drive Time Sports Talk Radio Show) | 1/22 – 1/25
- Broadcasted/Wrote Sports Updates, created and voiced various radio-specific elements (sweepers, imagers, etc.)

Senior Producer, Director, Graphic Designer August 2021 -- May 2025
Walter Cronkite Sports Network Phoenix, Arizona

- Senior Producer, Director, graphic designer, and production staff for the two-time Emmy-winning "Cronkite Sports Live" show.
- Responsible for the design and look of the show, general show structure, and storytelling aspects within the half-hour-long weekly production.
- Directly credited with the organization of the show staff as well as establishing a clear-cut show identity.

SKILLS

Live Broadcasting, Play-by-Play Commentary, Analyst Commentary, Radio/Podcast Hosting, Emceeing events, script writing, Interviewing, Writing, Media Relations, Directing & Producing, Board Opping, ENPS, Social Media Content Planning, Adobe Suite, OBS, Twitter Media Studio, ins and outs of the multiple audio boards, other broadcast equipment, Organizational Skills and responsible planning, Social Media.

EDUCATION

Arizona State University

Bachelor of Arts, Sports Journalism, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communications at Arizona State University -- Class of 2025