

Assistant professor and journalist with 15 years experience reporting in various communities and beats, public relations professionals, spokespeople and sources at daily online international and local news sources.

## EXPERIENCE:

**The Principia College**, Elmhurst, IL Aug. 2020 - present, Assistant Professor Mass Communications

Classes taught include intro to mass comm, photojournalism, public relations and writing, media reporting and writing, advanced reporting and writing.

Responsibilities include: Curriculum Committee, student advising, intern advising

**The New York Times**, St. Louis, Mo December 2022- present, Stringer/Freelance Reporter

On-call as a midwest news bureau stringer to report on breaking news stories in the St. Louis metro region.

**Patch.com**, Boston Metro Area, April 2017 - Aug. 2020, Reporter/Editor

Regularly researched, reported and wrote an average of seven stories a day, digging into multiple beats writing compelling and informative stories for local residents. Monitored traffic and engaged with readers through social media. Interacted with public relations professionals daily. Mentored newer reporters.

**Newbury College**, Brookline, MA Journalism Instructor 2016/ 2017. Taught reporting, writing 101, incorporated ethics, critical thinking and hands-on experience in small classroom setting, during both fall and spring semesters.

**Gatehouse Media**, Boston Metro Area, July 2014 - April 2017, Reporter

Wrote breaking daily news stories and at least two enterprise stories a day covering two towns. Reported and won recognition for a series on the Newton Public School superintendent's graduation speech in which he was accused of plagiarism. Broke story about School Committee's cover-up and mishandling of executive session notes. Won regional award for feature story on Meter Maids in Brookline, MA. Mentored less experienced reporters. Interacted daily with public relations professionals.

**The Christian Science Monitor**, Boston, 2010- 2013, Asia Editor

Edited news and analysis copy for content, style, flow, and facts on daily deadline. Coordinated and grew a network of freelancers across Asia. Wrote blog posts on trending international news including sports coverage. Oversaw the Monitor's two-week Fukushima coverage.

**The Christian Science Monitor**, Boston, 2008- 2010, Assistant Opinion Page Editor

Edited opinion pieces daily for content, style, flow, and facts, working with everyone from Boston moms to activists, to Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus. Generated ideas and contacts.

## OTHER EXPERIENCE:

**US Peace Corps** Volunteer, Kazakhstan. Teacher, Journalism Instructor. Taught high school students ESL through journalism skills. Led an English language journalism summer camp for area teens.

**American Councils for International Education**, program manager, Almaty Kazakhstan. Selected, trained and helped send educators to the US on a pedagogical abroad.

**Crystal Lake Camps:** Multiple staff roles throughout a decade, including camp counselor and Waterfront Director. Taught courses in swimming and lifeguarding, mentored young adults and children at the Pennsylvania-based summer camp.

## EDUCATION

**PhD Journalism Candidate**, Specialization: media sociology focus on news literacy -Mizzou, Columbia, MO

**M.S. Journalism, Specialization:** Print -Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY

**B.A. Communication Studies** Specialization: Communication Studies, Minor: English -Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

## SPECIALTIES

InCopy, WordPress, Square Space, EZPublish, Mediaware Center, Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, Instagram, Tout, Snapchat, blogging, writing, editing, following trends, book reviews, SEO, fact-checking, caption and headline writing.

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

US-Pakistan Journalist exchange, East-West Center, March-April 2012

New England Press Association, Right to Know reporting award winner, 2014

New England First Amendment Institute, investigative reporting fellow, October 2015

New England Press Association, Transportation Reporting, 2015

New England Press Association, Health Reporting, 2016

Patch.com, Best of Patch 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES** Secretary, Crystal Lake Camps Board of Trustees; Crystal Lake Camps Alumni Association, board member and chair; Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance, board member; Volunteer, visits area schools to give short talks on local journalism.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES *(see [online portfolio](#) for an extensive list)*

[The Toll of Police Violence on Black People's Mental Health](#), May 25, 2023 - New York Times, contributor

A Giant Balloon Floats Into Town, and It's All Anyone Can Talk About, Feb. 3, 2023 - New York Times contributor

[Teen and Woman Killed in Shooting at St. Louis High School](#), Oct. 24, 2022 - New York Times byline

2 Newton Officers Fatally Shot Man With Knife: Middlesex DA, Jan. 5, 2021 - Newton Patch, byline

Waltham Murder Case Appeal Denied: Court, June 28, 2021 - Waltham Patch, byline

What Do Homeless People In Waltham Do Amid Coronavirus Crisis?, April 7, 2020 - Waltham Patch, byline

[Decomposed body found in upscale Brookline home](#), Jan. 11, 2017 - Brookline TAB, byline

Brookline Police Officer Kristin Healy: Life in a bulletproof vest and a clip-on tie - 2016 - Brookline TAB, byline