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experience

- 2013-present **INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST** **BROOKLYN, NY**
Writings on politics, education and the environment have appeared at Salon, AlterNet, DeSmogBlog, Facing South, The American Prospect, BillMoyers.com, Truthout, Truthdig, Raw Story, National Memo, Vocativ, and The Brooklyn Rail. Media appearances on RT, The Thom Hartmann Show, The Real News Network, Time Warner Cable News, and Georgia Public Broadcasting. Medical writer for Yale University.
- 2006-present **COMPOSER, PERFORMER, PRODUCER, DJ** **BROOKLYN, NY**
Internationally performed composer of instrumental music, with work reviewed by The New York Times and National Public Radio, among others. Producer, DJ and remix artist of electronic dance music. Accomplished clarinet and saxophone player (classical and jazz).
- 2014-2015 **INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHERN STUDIES** **DURHAM, NC**
Investigative Reporter & Researcher
Researched and wrote about money in politics, education reform, social justice and more for prestigious public interest media institute and its online magazine, Facing South. Managed the only database of state political spending in North Carolina. Ran multiple Institute Twitter accounts and helped develop social media strategy and website redesign process.
- 2008-2013 **DUKE UNIVERSITY** **DURHAM, NC**
Lecturer & Teaching Assistant
Designed and taught original course and assisted with classes in the Department of Music.
- 2006-2007 **DORCAS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND** **PROVIDENCE, RI**
Math Instructor & Career Counselor
Taught math and job skills to low-income adults in this nonprofit's workforce readiness program.
- 2004 **WORLD MUSIC BOUTIQUE** **JERSEY CITY, NJ**
Publicist
Wrote press releases and solicited radio and television interviews for singer and bandleader, Rebeca Vallejo.
- 2003 **90.7 WNCU FM** **DURHAM, NC**
News Intern & Jazz DJ
Produced and hosted news broadcasts and deejayed for this jazz public radio station.

education

- 2007-2013 **DUKE UNIVERSITY** **DURHAM, NC**
Ph.D. in Music Composition. Recipient of Research Grant (German Academic Exchange Service) and International Research Travel Fellowship (Duke) to conduct dissertation research in Berlin from 2012-2013. M.A. in Music Composition (2009). Member and co-founder of the Duke New Music Ensemble.
- 2002-2006 **BROWN UNIVERSITY** **PROVIDENCE, RI**
B.A. in Music, magna cum laude with honors thesis. Winner of 2006 Weston Fine Arts Award and 2004 Concerto Competition. Co-director and co-founder of the performance collective Brown New Music. Co-director of Jazz After Hours program on 95.5 WBRU FM.

skills

Data analysis (Microsoft Excel). Data visualization (Tableau, Canva, Piktochart, Datawrapper). Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Wordpress, Tumblr). Sound editing (Logic Pro, Ableton Live, Pro Tools, Audacity).

volunteer

Board member, North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections (2014-2015).
Member, Citizens Advisory Committee (appointed by the Durham, NC City Council, 2015).