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objective

Journalist seeking opportunities in magazines and new media. Interests include history and arts writing, editing, and graphic design.

education

**The College of William and Mary/
University of St Andrews
Joint Degree Programme**

2014-2018, Bachelor of Arts
(International Honors), English major
Cumulative GPA: 3.88 (First Class)

English GPA: 3.96

Activities: *The Saint*, *The Flat Hat*,
WaMStA Student Partnership, JDP
peer advisor, Colleges Against Cancer

skills

Adobe Creative Suite

Microsoft Office Suite

WordPress/CMS

CSS and HTML

AP style/copy editing

Fact-checking/research

Hootsuite and social media

honors

Dr. Murray Eugene Borish Prize
(W&M English Department, 2018)

Lang Legacy Scholarship Award
(W&M English Department, 2017)

**Virginia Student Journalist
of the Year**
(Journalism Education Association, 2014)

experience

Smithsonian magazine

Smart News writer | June 2018 through present | Washington, D.C.
ASME editorial intern | Summer 2017 | Washington, D.C.

Write two daily articles on arts and science topics for Smithsonian.com's Smart News channel. Contribute feature-length articles to various verticals, including History and At the Smithsonian. Previously served as American Society of Magazine Editors intern, producing original content for print and web, fact-checking and proofreading print content, and assisting with research projects and production of weekly newsletter.

The Flat Hat

Chief staff writer | Nov. 2014 through April 2018 | Williamsburg, Virginia

Held positions including chief staff writer, copy editor, associate news editor and associate blogs editor. Designed infographics and front page layouts. Wrote investigative news and feature articles. Trained new writers. Edited copy according to AP and *Flat Hat* standards.

The Saint

Editor-in-Chief | Nov. 2016 through April 2017 | St. Andrews, Scotland

Responsible for all editorial output (biweekly 40-page newspaper and daily online content). Managed staff of over 60. Maintained both financial security and journalistic standards of the paper. Led a total print and online redesign. Previous positions held included deputy editor and money editor.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine

Editorial intern | Summer 2015 and summer 2016 | Washington, D.C.

Produced original content for Kiplinger.com and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. Uploaded online articles using Kiplinger's CMS. Wrote social media posts and daily email newsletters. Created infographics. Appeared on local and national radio shows to discuss reporting.

Aberrance Quarterly

Managing editor | March 2014 through July 2014 | Leesburg, Virginia

Founded local branch of national chic feminism magazine. Wrote content and coordinated fashion editorial for summer issue. Spearheaded recruitment, training.

