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objective

Journalist eager to explore opportunities in magazine and digital media. Interests include history, culture and travel 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
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 and CMS
CSS and HTML
AP style and copy editing
Fact-checking and 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

Assistant digital editor, humanities | Oct. 2019 to present | Washington, D.C.
Smart News writer | June 2018 through October 2019 | Washington, D.C.
ASME editorial intern | Summer 2017 | Washington, D.C.

- Oversee arts & culture, history & archaeology, and travel sections of *Smithsonian.com's* Smart News channel
- Edit and assign three freelancer-contributed articles per day
- Write original features for History, At the Smithsonian, and Science channels
- Work with editorial team to map out magazine's digital strategy
- Previously served as Smart News contributor (wrote two news stories daily) and ASME intern (nationally selected, worked with both print and digital teams on original reporting assignments, fact-checking, research projects)

The Flat Hat

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

- Held positions including copy editor and associate news, blogs editor
- Designed infographics and front page layouts
- Wrote investigative news and feature articles
- Edited copy according to AP standards and trained writers in Flat Hat style

The Saint

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

- Assigned and edited all editorial output, including biweekly 40-page newspaper and daily online content
- Managed staff of over 60 while maintaining both financial security and journalistic standards of the student newspaper
- Led a total print and online redesign
- Previously held positions included deputy editor and money editor

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine

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

- Produced original finance, travel and college content for web and print
- Uploaded online articles using Kiplinger's Content Management System, wrote social media posts and produced daily email newsletters
- Created infographics
- Appeared on local and national radio shows to discuss reporting