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## EDUCATION

**University of Connecticut**, Storrs, CT

Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Journalism, May 2024

Related courses: Newswriting, Broadcast, Podcasting, Environmental Journalism, Multiplatform Editing, Visual Journalism

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**People Are Culture and Flip the Lens**, online

*Intern*, January 2024 – May 2024

PAC is a website and FTL is a YouTube channel created by Meg Pier that reports about people's cultures or cultural events/places.

- Pitch original story ideas for both written articles and videos accordingly to a SEO guideline
- Conducting interviews with a variety of people from around the world
- Film and editing video interviews for the YouTube channel such as *"What Is An Art Curator?"*, *"What Does It Mean To Be An Art Curator?"*
- Creation of shorts for YouTube, promotion of the content and publication of polls on LinkedIn, and creation of Infogram.

**The Daily Campus**, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

*Contributing Writer*, January 2023- January 2024

The Daily Campus is the student-run newspaper of UConn.

- Report and write stories about timely events on campus, news and features stories such as *"University of Connecticut faculty members are working to revive native plants on the roadside of New England"*, *"Remembering the Shoah, a Holocaust Remembrance at the University of Connecticut"*, *"University of Connecticut on the tip of Mount Washington with the Outing club"* or *"UConn and CT State Museum of Natural History to host educational hike and trail cleanup to celebrate Earth Day."*
- Pitch original story ideas and interview of students, faculty members, and sources outside of the school environment.
- Respect of deadline, use of ap style and clean copy.
- Photograph for *"Remembering the Shoah, a Holocaust Remembrance at the University of Connecticut."*

**UCTV**, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Assistant News Director focusing on editing, September 2023-January 2024

UCTV is the student-run news channel.

- Teamwork for stand-up reporting or camera recording for events happening on campus, using professional cameras.
- Editing of 2 minutes long video packages including voice-over and videos.

**Marquee Brand – Martha Stewart**, New York, NY

*Production Assistant freelance*, January 2022-April 2024

- Contributing with setting up the environment for shooting videos and photos, including learning how to arrange things for the camera, how to find a good angle and light, and understand what shows well or not in a photography/video.
- Cleaning up post-production, inventorying, and reorganizing of products.

**The Day**, New London, CT

*Freelance journalist*, November 2022

- Interviewed Holly Cheeseman, a Connecticut House of Representatives member, representing District 37 to help cover the election.
- Wrote contribution for the article about election in the towns of East Lyme, Salem, and Montville.

**France 3 Midi-Pyrénées**, Toulouse, France

*Intern*, December 2015

France 3 Midi-Pyrénées (now France3 Occitanie) is the regional news channel for channel 3 in France.

- Observed professional journalists working in television news, including reporting in the field, video editing, and creating news packages.
- Learned how live programming is produced through a live debate of candidates for the regional election in Toulouse.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**UConn Catering**, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

*Student Manager*, October 2023-May 2024

- Working in closely with my superior to deal with issues they might have with students.
- Hiring and interviewing students, taking care of the documentation, disciplines, and orientations.

## SKILLS

Software: Adobe Audition, Adobe Premier Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom Classic, WordPress, S.E.O writer

Languages: French and English (fluent), Italian and Spanish (beginner)

Intercultural Fluency: Growing up in France and close to other European countries I adapt easily to different environments, with an understanding of other people's culture and differences.