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Reporter

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Experience

Bloomberg Industry Group, labor reporter (May 2020-present)

Covers the labor economy with a focus on unions and employee-employer relations for Bloomberg Industry Group and Bloomberg News

- Covers the effect of the Coronavirus pandemic on the workplace, including a wave of strikes in 2021, supply chain issues at the ports, and organizing at major companies such as Amazon and Starbucks
- Wrote an in-depth feature for Bloomberg Businessweek on the rapid transition to electric vehicles and the consequences for blue-collar auto workers
- Won the Beltz Award, highest internal award at Bloomberg Law/Tax/Government, in 2021 for scooping that President Biden asked the National Labor Relations Board general counsel to resign minutes after being sworn into office
- Routinely lands scoops while producing a steady stream of enterprise

POLITICO, labor and immigration reporter (April 2016-May 2020)

Covered workplace policy on Capitol Hill, the U.S. Department of Labor and the White House

- Scooped President Trump's plan to deport migrants to "safe third" countries; an attempt by the administration to leverage strike negotiations between General Motors and the United Auto Workers to reopen an assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio; and a plan by the administration to close federally funded training centers for underprivileged youth, sparking backlash from Congress that thwarted the effort
- Broke that the IRS sent stimulus checks to foreign workers abroad and had no plan in place to correct the mistake
- Wrote a POLITICO Magazine story on how a dearth of safety regulations on small farms, propagated by the agriculture lobby, leads to scores of fatal accidents that go unreported each year

The Oregonian, politics reporter (June 2014-March 2016)

Covered state government from the Oregon Capitol

- Part of a team that covered a 41-day standoff with armed militants at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, earning the grand prize for news reporting at the 2017 Associated Press Media Editors Awards
 - Reported on site from the worst mass shooting in state history at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., scooping that emergency alert systems failed to warn students and staff of an active shooter
 - Covered the resignation of Gov. John Kitzhaber, who stepped down amid an influence-peddling scandal involving the first lady's private consulting firm
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Education

- B.A. in journalism, Michigan State University (2015)
- Social relations and policy major, James Madison College at MSU; studied public assistance programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and paid family leave