

# MARISSA NELSON

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**14 East** online magazine, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, **Editor-in-Chief**, January 2016 — Present

- Lead [community-based newsroom](#) staff of 18, manage over 30 contributing writers
- Lead [daily breaking news coverage](#) of Chicago Teachers Union 2019 strike, focusing on South and West sides
- Launched [twice-weekly newsletter](#) to keep the DePaul community updated on COVID-19, lead newsletter team
- Report on topics from [education](#) and [food accessibility](#) to [ward boundaries](#) and [breaking news](#)
- Investigate Chicago issues including the prevalence of [sexual harassment on Chicago public transportation](#)
- Spearhead engagement efforts including grant-funded [student water testing project](#) and information needs research
- Leverage audience listening strategies such as social media monitoring and community events to guide reporting
- Facilitate projects to help bring community voices to the forefront, including guide for 2020 election coverage in collaboration with [Hearken](#) and working with Latinx Journalists DePaul to start [Spanish language section](#)
- [Organized monthly public newsroom series](#) in partnership with [City Bureau](#) and DePaul's chapter of SPJ
- Helped found independent online magazine, create style guide, standards guide and develop newsroom goals
- Formerly Engagement Editor (18-19), Director of Development (17-18) and Social Media Editor (16-17)

**Center for Journalism Integrity & Excellence**, DePaul University, **Graduate Assistant**, September 2019 — Present

- Produce monthly "[So You Want to be a Reporter](#)" podcast, anchored by veteran journalist Carol Marin
- Coordinate 2020 winter FOIA Fellows conference, maintain social media pages and [keep website updated](#)
- Created [FOIA resource website](#) with individual state laws for the Midwest

**Good Day DePaul**, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, **Reporter/Anchor**, September 2019 — November 2019

- Shot, edited, reported and wrote full-length [packages on deadline](#) for university TV newscast

**ABC's The View**, New York, NY, **Production Intern**, June 2019 — August 2019

- Supported producers during preparation, rehearsal and execution of segments

**NBC Midwest Bureau**, Chicago, IL, **Network News Intern**, February 2019 — May 2019

- Logged interviews for network correspondents and assisted newsroom with fact checking
- Supported bureau during breaking news situations (including the 2019 Aurora, IL shooting and Jussie Smollett controversy) by making calls, contacting public officials and creatively using technology to find additional info

**Center for Journalism Integrity & Excellence**, DePaul University, **Associate Producer**, April 2018 — November 2018

- Worked with journalists Carol Marin and Don Moseley to write and produce May 22, 2018 [package about sanctuary restaurants](#) in Chicago for PBS affiliate WTTW
- Helped prepare questions for the NBC 5/Telemundo Governor's Forum on September 20, 2018
- Collaborated with peers, shot video, filed FOIA requests and analyzed police reports/court documents

**AM Consultants Group**, Chicago, IL, **Intern**, December 2017 — September 2018

- Led communications consultancy for nonprofits for three months while supervisors were on emergency family leave
- Manage social media channels for three nonprofits, develop monthly content strategy

## EDUCATION

**DePaul University**, Chicago, IL

B.A. in Journalism and B.A. in Public Relations, Summa Cum Laude, M.A. in Journalism, 4.0, Expected June 2020

## SKILLS

Proficient in Adobe Audition, Photoshop and Premiere — Video Production — SEO — AP style — Event Producing — Social Media — Survey Platforms like Qualtrics — Photography/Videography — Copy and Content Editing — Wordpress

## REFERENCES

**Amy Merrick**, Journalism Adviser/14 East magazine, Professor

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