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EDUCATION

Columbia University

New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts
Art History and Anthropology

VII Masterclass in Warsaw, Poland

September 2018 - May 2019

Nine month intensive workshop with members of VII Photo Agency in Warsaw, Poland
Selected as one of 12 applicants from 3,000 photographers around the world.

American University of Beirut - One Semester Abroad

2018

“Sea and Society” - Anthropology course examining how cultures spread across Mediterranean
“Archetypes across Traditions” - Civilizations course on comparative storytelling across cultures

Eddie Adams Workshop XXXI

2018

Selected as one of 50 photographers out of thousands of international applicants
Workshop brings industry leaders from around the world to test and mentor next generation of conflict photographers

Harvard University

Extension School Course - “ Interpretation of Cultures”

2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut

2022 - 2023

Guest Lecturer

- Invited by professor Raycraft to present to advanced course on visual journalism

National Geographic Explorer

2021

- Awarded an explorers grant alongside three other co-founders of the Mon photo collective
- Produced a multi media documentary project on the desertification of Southern Spain
- Grant was distributed throughout the collective and story was published by the National Geographic Society

Independent Photojournalist - Projects and Publications

Solo Exhibition - Avalanche Art Space. Great Barrington, MA

May - 2020

- Photographed on the frontlines in Minneapolis, Portland Oregon and Washington D.C. during social revolution
- Multimedia exhibition displayed in the gallery during an exclusive opening
- Photos were published by Reuters and national news outlets

Korean Demilitarized Zone - North and South Korea

October - 2019

- Traveled length of the 38th parallel documenting international artist collective “Nine Dragon Heads”
- Produced video and photo essays exhibited in museums and galleries throughout Seoul, South Korea.
- Contributed and managed social media channels and website promoting the collective work of artists and scholars

Chai- Khana, Republic of Georgia

March - 2018

- Selected by Georgian media to produce feature story in the separatist region of Abkhazia.
- Traveled undercover into the occupied region and document youth culture

BBC World Services, Republic of Georgia.

September 2017

- Wrote and photographed article documenting living conditions in former Soviet Military Hospital in The Republic of Georgia which was distributed online and reached estimated audience of 50 million people

National Geographic

October 2015— 2020

- Apprentice to world renowned photographer John Stanmeyer, founder of the VII photo agency
- Traveled with photographer to South East Asia and Europe for workshop and story preparation

- Posted regularly to National Geographic social media account with an audience of 230 million people
- Researched and archival work on seven feature stories of the “Out of Eden Walk Project” for National Geographic Magazine.

Great Barrington, MA Fire Department

November 2015 - April 2019

Firefighter

- Responded to structure fires and motor vehicle accidents and hazmat incidents in Berkshire county
- Certified Emergency Medical Technician
- Member of the mountain rescue and search and rescue teams. Saved individuals from mountain climbing accidents and structure fires.

Skills, Interests and Awards

Marathon Runner (Brooklyn and Beirut marathons) Winner of 2017 Kolga International photo festival. 2nd place Fuji Film Emerging Talent Award. Recipient of Alice B Henriquez Grant. Recipient of Martha Porter Boshcen Fund. Member of Columbia Effective Altruism. Ten day Vipassana Meditation Course. Editor for Columbia Spectator. Proficient in Adobe Suite, Excel. Currently studying Arabic.