Starlight Williams

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Experience

National Geographic Traveler, Research Editor	6/18 — present
 Pitched and produced stories for both digital and print editions. Managed contract researchers 	
Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company, Public Relations Coordinator	12/18 — present
 Wrote media releases, pitched ideas and managed media contact list 	
Community Impact Newspaper, Staff Reporter	7/17 - 6/18
 Pitched ideas, wrote data-driven articles and provided photos for both digital and print editions 	
NOLA.com The Times-Picayune, Contributing Writer	9/15 - 6/17
 Pitched, wrote and provided photos and videos for both NOLA.com and The Times-Picayune 	
New Orleans Museum of Art's Art Quarterly, Editorial Assistant	5/17 - 7/17
 Interviewed artists and curators, then wrote articles for print and digital media 	
New Orleans Weddings Magazine, Staff Writer	4/16 - 8/17
 Narrated weekly wedding recaps and themed articles for both print and digital media 	
Loyola News Service, Digital Content Producer	1/17 - 5/17
 Reworked scripts and packages into web friendly pieces before using SEO optimization to distribute digitally 	
Renaissance Publishing, LLC, Editorial Intern	2/16 - 5/16
 Copyedited and wrote for New Orleans Bride and Magazine, Acadiana Profile, St. Charles Ave, Louisiana Life 	
The Wolf Magazine, The Editor	9/15 — 12/16
• Led an editorial staff of 12, supervised art department and curated and edited the entire editorial content	
The Maroon	12/14 - 5/17

Editor-in-Chief (Dec 2016-May 2017)

- · Made final editorial decisions for all The Maroon properties (newspaper, art, podcast, magazine, broadcast, app)
- · Managed a staff of 60 people, while continuing the transition from a paper first to a digital first platform

Maroon Minute Reporter/Director/Anchor/Producer (Aug 2016-May 2017)

- Wrote, edited, directed and produced stories for both broadcast and digital channels City Editor (Dec 2015-May 2016)
 - · Generated innovative digital and print content that reflected community concerns
- Managed a team of staff writers and a weekly content calendar while copy and content editing print weekly and digital daily *Features Editor* (May 2015- Dec 2015)
 - · Produced and designed section front to reflect the life and times of college students' experiences in New Orleans
- Managed a team of staff writers and a weekly content calendar while copy and content editing print weekly and digital daily *Creative Works Editor* (May 2015- Dec 2015)
 - Supervised creative works content manager and designed section front using Adobe InDesign and Illustrator

Shawn M. Donnelley Center for Nonprofit Communications, Senior Videographer and Researcher

9/14 - 12/15

Outlined, shot and edited videos with Final Cut Pro and Adobe Premiere for social media platforms and websites

Loyola University School of Mass Communication, Twitter and Instagram Social Media Manager

8/15 - 12/15

- Examined Twitter and Instagram analytics to implement new social media strategies to increase engagement by 17 percent
- · Led a production team to maintain the Twitter and Instagram feeds using HootSuite, TweetDeck and Simply Measured

Awards

 2017 Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Award Certificate of Merit for General feature • 2016 Mississippi-Louisiana Associated Press Spot News Photos, Third Place • 2016 Mississippi-Louisiana Associated Press Broadcast Website, First Place • The Society of Professional Journalists Outstanding Graduating Chapter Member Award • The R. Tom Bell Award for Outstanding Journalism Student

Technical Skills

Proficient in Adobe Creative Suites, Adobe Analytics, Adobe Experience Manager, SEO optimization, page design, photo and video editing, Final Cut Pro and Premiere; AP, MLA, and Chicago style editing, using content management systems

Education