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## EDUCATION

**University of Connecticut**, Storrs, CT

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, May 2024

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

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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

*Contributing Writer*, January 2023-Present

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-present

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-Present

- Contributing with setting up the environment for shooting videos and photos, including learning how to arrange things for the camera, how to find the good angle, 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, member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, representing District 37 to help covering the election.
- Wrote contribution for article about election in the towns of East Lyme, Salem, 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 caterer*, February 2023-Present

- Helping with the preparation of orders for events happening on campus.
- Keeping an eye on the food at events to make sure people always had food to eat.

**PS tailored events**, New York, NY

*Waitress*, September 2022-Present

- Communicating with a team and interacting with clients to ensure a good service.
- Responding quickly and under pressure to requests and unexpected issues.

## SKILLS

Software: Adobe Audition, Adobe Premier Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Wordpress

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

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