Ufonobong Umanah

EXPERIENCE

The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, TX
Investigations Intern; June 2022 - August 2022

Pitched and submitted Texas Public Information Act requests to further investigative projects at the paper

Backgrounded persons of interest for ongoing investigative projects to develop leads for stories

Coordinated with breaking news staff to provide data related to current events made available to paper through information requests

syracuse.com, Syracuse, NY
Editorial Intern; Feb 2022 – May 2022

Submitted Freedom of Information Law requests in order to illuminate goings-on of local government

Interviewed protesters on the field to give readers a sense of where community support was on current issues

Attended meetings of legislative bodies to build rapport with local lawmakers and generate leads

New York Observer, New York, NY
Editorial Intern; Jan 2019 – May 2019

Transcribed three interviews to help reporters use quotes from recent audio

Reported on administrative changes to park policy on feeding pigeons in article that resulted in retweets from concerned community

Discussed ongoing Columbia scandal in article that generated enough traffic to become a top-page story

The Blue and White, New York, NY
Investigations Editor; Dec 2016 – Dec 2019

Built rapport with political student groups at Columbia by attending weekly meetings to write comprehensive reportage on political controversies

Conducted interviews to investigate leads for stories and features on issues ranging from administration and governance to free speech and Title IX

Recorded ongoings of the Columbia College Student Council to inform local audience of current events

BYLINES

syracuse.com | The Post-Standard: https://www.syracuse.com/staff/uumanah/posts.html

The Newshouse: https://www.thenewshouse.com/author/ufon-umanah/

New York Observer: observer.com/author/ufon-umanah/

The Blue and White: https://www.theblueandwhite.org/search-results?q=umanah&type=blogs

SKILLS

Data Analysis: Microsoft Excel, R, Stata, SQL

Design: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustator, XD

Audiovisual Editing: Audacity, Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere Pro

Writing: AP, Chicago

EDUCATION

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
Syracuse, New York, 2022
Magazine, News, Digital Journalism M.A.
Newhouse Graduate Newspaper Fellow Finalist
David Rubin First Amendment Prize Winner

Columbia University
New York, New York, 2020
Political Science B.A.

ASSOCIATIONS

Dow Jones News Fund

Investigative Reporters and Editors

National Association of Black Journalists

Online News Association

Prep for Prep

School of Ethics and Global Leadership in Washington DC