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EDUCATION

New York University

New York, NY
M.A in Journalism, Broadcast Concentration

U.C. Berkeley

Berkeley, CA
B.A. in Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Assignment Staff Reporter

March 2013 - Present

KCBS/KCAL CBS O&O Duopoly, Los Angeles, CA

- Assigned to L.A.'s biggest stories: college admission cheating scandal, Woolsey Fire, Borderline mass shooting,
- Travel reporter: World Series, Golden State Killer, Las Vegas mass shooting, Las Vegas Consumer Electronics Show
- Special projects: in-depth on national stories; Ed Buck, influential donor investigated after two men died in his home; in-depth on celebrity cult, NXIVM
- Volunteer MMJ/prosumer; skilled at shooting and editing stories

Staff Reporter/Fill-in Anchor

March 2008-March 2013

WXYZ, Detroit, MI

- Lead reporter: sent to Washington D.C. to cover auto bailout; covered city's spiral into bankruptcy, scored biggest exclusive on unsolved Skelton missing kids' case - jailhouse interview with father
- Extensive political reporting; Michigan was a battleground state in 2008 and 2012
- Trained MMJ; assigned to shoot, edit, day-of-air packages
- Published multiple web stories daily

Staff Reporter/Fill-in Anchor

December 2005-March 2008

KCTV5-CBS, Kansas City, MO

- Covered one of the biggest and most destructive F5 tornados to ever touch down in Kanas, Greensburg 2007
- Extensive crime and political coverage; primaries leading into 2008 election

Reporter/Weekend Anchor

November 2003 – December 2005

NEWS 12 The Bronx/Brooklyn, New York, NY

- One-man-band reporter in Bronx, helped launch News 12 Brooklyn - was among first group of reporters to work for the station in the borough
- Solo anchored our coverage of 2004 presidential election
- Covered mayoral election

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

- Writing and long-form storytelling
- Live reporting/breaking news
- Nearly 10k followers on social media platforms: Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- Proficient with Edius, Final Cut Pro
- Trained to shoot for multiple platforms, formats

Born in Northern California, moved to Los Angeles as a child, and then returned to the Bay Area for college. After graduating from U.C. Berkeley, caught the New York City bug and moved east. Arrived in New York about two months before the 9/11 attacks. It was during that time he applied to New York University's journalism grad school and was later accepted. His first job out of NYU would be at News 12 The Bronx/Brooklyn.