

JOURNALISM PH.D. STUDENT

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PROFILE

SKILLS

Graduate journalism student with extensive hands-on experience in media preproduction, production, and post-production: including video editing, camera operation, writing, filmmaking, case research, interviewing, and production assistance. Adaptable, motivated, hardworking, and skilled in both collaborative and independent roles. Journalistic training and experience has fueled a passion for scholarly research in the field, leading to pursuing a Ph.D. in journalism to expand research in true crime media, queer audiences, political messaging and ideology, and social media.

- Scholarly Research and Writing
- Adobe Video Editing Programs
- FOIA
- AP Style Writing
- Deliverable Management
- Camera and Audio Mixing
- Documentary Filmmaking
- Production Management
- Photography
- Script Editing
- Live Production
- Customer Service
- Data Journalism
- Journalistic Interviewing
- Special Needs Populations

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville 2022-2025

Bachelor of Science in Journalism & Electronic Media — *Summa Cum Laude*

- Coursework included journalistic writing, digital media production, visual communication, etc.
- Volunteer of Distinction Award.
- Top Graduates in the College of Communications, Spring 2025.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville 2025-2026

Master of Science in Journalism – 4.0 GPA

- Coursework includes scholarly research in journalism, communication theory, communication law, documentary filmmaking, and social media journalism.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville 2026-2029

Current Ph.D. Student in Journalism – 4.0 GPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant / Media Specialist

The Media Center

August 2026 – Current

Working for the various outlets in UTK's Media Center, working extensively in print media, digital filmmaking, broadcast production, graphic design, writing, and teaching. Additionally supports the needs of students and faculty at The Media Center.

Writer, Executive Producer, and Editor

Land Grant Films

August 2025 – August 2026

Worked for a local student documentary filmmaking program, primarily on the documentaries *Good Citizens* and *Let it Rip*.

Researcher

Lusid Media

May 2025 – September 2025

Supporting production research, coordination, and FOIA submissions for an upcoming NBC Peacock true crime docuseries.

Part-Time Manager

Amelia's Pet Parlor

Oct 2024 – Feb 2025

Oversaw staff workflows, assisted customers, processed payroll, and managed operations.

Production & Post-Production Intern

Jupiter Entertainment

Sept 2023 – May 2024, Freelance Nov 2024

Case research, FOIA submissions, script revisions, and detailed deliverable management for *Fatal Attraction* (Seasons 14–15).

Supported post-production on *Bridezillas* (Season 14).

Gained experience working on long-running national true-crime television.

Video Editor & Graphics Designer

Land Grant Films — UT Knoxville

Aug 2022 – Aug 2023

Edited documentary content, primarily on the Emmy-nominated documentary *Baker for America*.

Conducted journalistic research, edited with various Adobe programs, and ensured copyright compliance.

Video Editor & Production Assistant

Lusid Media Productions

Feb 2022 – Sept 2022

Edited promotional/sizzle reels and followed complex script directions.

Assisted on reenactment shoots and media management.

Worked on the Emmy-nominated documentary *Amber: The Girl Behind the Alert*.

Camera Operator & Audio / Live Stream Production Assistant

First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge

Feb 2021 – Aug 2022

Ran live broadcast equipment and supported weekly streaming services.

REFERENCES

Dr. Nick Geidner – Professor of Journalism, Director of The Media Center – *University of Tennessee Knoxville* – ngeidner@utk.edu

Martin Riedl – Assistant Professor of Journalism, Ph.D. Advisor – *University of Tennessee Knoxville* – mriedl1@utk.edu

Max Zarchin – Vice President, *Z Media Ventures* – mzarchin@utk.edu

Elizabeth Fisher – Executive Producer, UTK Journalism Alumni Advisory Board – *Lusid Media* – elizabeth@lusidmedia.com

Nicole Lynch – Post Producer, *Jupiter Entertainment* – nicole.lynch@jupiterent.com