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EDUCATION

B.S. Journalism & Mass Communications — University of Kansas, William Allen White School of Journalism
— *Anticipated May 2028*

Concentration: Multimedia Journalism

B.G.S. Political Science — University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences — *Anticipated May 2028*

Concentration: International Politics

Visiting Undergraduate Student — The University of Hong Kong, Department of Politics and Public Administration
— *Fall 2026*

High School Diploma — Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kansas — *May 2024*

SCIENTIFIC & LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Fellow — The University of Kansas, Billings Lab — *Jun. 2024 – Nov. 2025*

Undergraduate Research Assistant — The University of Kansas, Billings Lab — *Nov. 2025 – Present*

- Designed and built [open-egm4](#), an open-source cross-platform terminal application to replace the legacy Windows-only software for the PP Systems EGM-4 infrared gas analyzer; features include real-time CO₂ visualization, serial protocol parsing, SQLite session persistence, guided static sampling workflow, and CSV export
- Used Adobe Illustrator, Blender, Fiji and Dragonfly 3D to [create figures and animations](#) of CT-scanned soil cores visualizing pore structure for research publications
- [Analyzed and visualized](#) large datasets in R
- Developed and [published a database](#) of reproducible lab workflows to support open science
- Redesigned and upgraded [the lab's website](#)

Undergraduate Research Fellow — Oregon State University, Sullivan Lab — *Jan. 2025 – May 2025*

- Cleaned and organized a master dataset of over 2.5 million timepoints related to silica cycling and freshwater chemistry
- Consolidated and standardized water quality data from multiple international sources including French, Swedish, Norwegian, and Finnish government datasets
- Used Excel for large-scale data wrangling and formatting in support of statistical analysis of global river patterns

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, JMC 101 — University of Kansas, William Allen White School of Journalism — *Aug. 2025 – May 2026*

- Assisted in instruction of the introductory journalism course; supported a ~450-student section in Fall 2025 and a ~200-student section in Spring 2026
- Gave multiple lectures on AI, society and privacy
- Developed and proctored cumulative exams
- Provided written feedback on student writing group submissions
- Engaged directly with students during class, answering questions and supporting coursework

TECHNICAL & CUSTOMER SUPPORT EXPERIENCE

Founder & President — [Morgan Consulting, LLC](#) — Douglas County, Kansas — *May 2023 – Present*

- Provided in-home technology support and consulting for a diverse client base
- Troubleshoot and repaired hardware and software issues across Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, and Android
- Designed and implemented solutions spanning data recovery, home automation, backup planning, and device recommendations
- Gave clear, respectful explanations to clients to make complex concepts accessible

JOURNALISM & MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Editor-in-Chief — The Budget, Lawrence High School — *Jan. 2023 – May 2024*

- Collaborated with an acclaimed adviser to produce award-winning publications
- [Designed award-winning graphics](#) and led software and website improvements
- [Worked with fellow journalists](#) to [research and protest district-level student surveillance](#) software

Freelance Reporter — Kansas Reflector, Topeka, Kansas

- [Reported and published a story](#) in a statewide nonprofit news outlet; collaborated with reporters and editors to meet professional standards

Producer — The Lion's Roar, Lawrence High School — *May 2023 – May 2024*

- Oversaw editorial content and production of the [school's flagship broadcast](#)
- Produced [original news packages](#), [multimedia segments](#), and [live-stream coverage](#) of [sporting events](#)

NOTABLE JOURNALISTIC WORK

- Initiated and continues to manage an ongoing federal civil rights lawsuit (Tell et al. v. USD 497) challenging use of AI surveillance software in schools
- Finalist for the SPLC Courage in Student Journalism Award
- Featured in the Kansas Reflector, Lawrence Times, New York Times, Associated Press and Washington Post
- Presented at the NSPA Spring Conference (Seattle, 2025), KSPA conferences at the University of Kansas and Wichita State University (Fall 2025) and an invited guest lecture in a KU journalism course — all addressing the ethical concerns of Gaggle and student privacy advocacy
- Presented a session about AI and society at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Spring Conference, Columbia University, New York City (March 2026)
- Collaborated with Dentons (the world's largest global law firm) to draft and file the lawsuit; worked extensively with the Student Press Law Center
- Recruited co-plaintiffs from both USD 497 high schools; developed and executed methods to test Gaggle's capabilities and limitations, resulting in fixes implemented by Gaggle
- Created and distributed over 300 black armbands worn by students across both high schools in support of the campaign
- Wrote multiple investigative articles and used graphic design to advocate for student privacy; met with school board members to propose policy revisions

RELEVANT SKILLS

AI: Local model distillation, model benchmarking & evaluation, red-teaming, model training, prompt engineering

Technical: macOS, GNU/Linux, Windows, Android, Final Cut Pro, Blender, OBS, local networking, server administration. **Adobe:** Illustrator, Premiere Pro, Audition, After Effects, Photoshop

Scientific: Excel, R, Python, ImageJ, Fiji, Google Earth Engine

Development: Git, Python, Xcode, Emacs, open-source software design & philosophy

Other: Graphic design, video editing, documentation, customer service, clear communication

INTERESTS

My rabbit, sailing, hiking, political philosophy, open source software, high-fidelity audio, having fun

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Front of Store Attendant — Target, Lawrence, Kansas — *Jul. – Dec. 2023*

- Provided guest service across returns, checkout, and the technology department; handled cash, card, and check payments

Senior Insider — Dominos, Lawrence, Kansas — *Jun. 2022 – May 2023*

- Made pizza, trained new staff, and supported high-volume store operations