

Brooke Alexandra Lewis

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Professional Experience

Suburban Reporter. March 2018- Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas

- Wrote extensively about the discovery of the 95 African-American remains in Sugar Land, which received national media attention from outlets such as The New York Times and The Washington Post
- Focused on stories that cover African-American history, including a street named after the Grand Wizard of the KKK and the first Black sheriff in Fort Bend County
- Received an editor's award from the newspaper because of story coverage in 2018
- Cover stories on race, health, education, and politics that have received thousands of page views and appeared on the most viewed stories list for The Houston Chronicle
- Requested to speak at events in the community because of coverage of Sugar Land 95

Breaking News Reporter. January 2017-March 2018 Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas

- Covered breaking news for the fourth largest and most diverse city in the country
- Part of the 2018 Pulitzer Finalist team for breaking news coverage of Hurricane Harvey awarded to the Houston Chronicle
- Use social media platforms to engage audiences, gain readership and search for news
- Occasionally write general assignment pieces and other articles focused on religion, race, beauty and health for the Features and Gray Matters section of the paper

Editorial Intern. June 2016-December 2016 The Houston Chronicle: Houston, Texas

- Interned in the Metro department for one of the largest newspapers in the country with a Sunday circulation of more than one million readers
- Pitched and wrote stories for the Features, Religion and City and State section of the paper
- Interviewed and profiled two subjects as part of a story about a re-entry program at the Harris County Jail

Contributing Writer. January 2015- December 2015 Syracuse Media Group: The Post-Standard/Syracuse.com, Syracuse, N.Y.

- Pitched, edited, and reported more than 40 pieces for the city's main newspaper, which has a Sunday circulation of 100,000
- Worked in the entertainment, community news, and opinion departments and covered a wide variety of issues including healthcare, technology, race, education, and politics
- Used social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to share stories and gain readers

- Produced multimedia work, including a piece about women and minorities in STEM related fields; used DSLR camera to shoot video and photos for the project

Urban Affairs Reporter. September 2014-October 2015

The Stand, Syracuse, N.Y.

- Wrote long-form multimedia pieces for this community newspaper, which focuses on people and issues that are underreported in Syracuse
- Researched, pitched, and reported stories focusing on homelessness, low-income housing, and art education for students from low-income backgrounds

Breaking News Intern. January 2014- April 2014

The Austin American-Statesman, Austin, Texas

- Wrote more than 40 stories for the main city newspaper with a daily circulation of 129, 519 that explored issues ranging from immigration to sexual assault and crime
- Visited the Austin courthouse daily, read through arrest affidavits, and cultivated story ideas

Education

Syracuse University: Magazine, Newspaper and Online Journalism M.A.

St. Edward's University: English Writing & Rhetoric B.A.

Extracurricular & Awards

- Houston Area Urban League Young Professionals Member
- Hope City- Women's Bible Study Leader
- 2018 Pulitzer Finalist team for Breaking News Coverage of Hurricane Harvey