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Experience

The Journal News Media Group

May 2010-Present

Reporter, columnist

National award-winning journalist and columnist covering high school sports, fighting for the equality of female sports, athletes and coaches, while also having assisted in New York Yankees coverage.

Thought Catalog

2014-2017

Contributing writer

Regular contributor of personal essays and columns focused on love, dating, relationships, and sex, which generated more than 4 million pageviews. Hosted a weekly podcast, "Heart of the Matter," from Jan. 2017-Aug. 2018 to discuss dating and relationship situations through the male perspective.

Awards and accomplishments

- **New York State Associated Press Association (June 2018)**
Took first place for "Best Sports Story" in the annual NYSAPA contest for an investigative enterprise project on the shortage of high school referees in the Lower Hudson Valley and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
 - **Grant Burger Media Award (June 2016)**
Named the top volleyball reporter in the country for online journalism by the American Volleyball Coaches Association and a finalist for the Grant Burger Media Award, which recognizes members of the media who have been involved in the advancement of the sport of volleyball through consistent coverage in all mediums.
 - **Associated Press Sports Editors Contest (April 2015)**
Took first place in circulation category (30,000-75,000) for investigative journalism with a series of stories involving a transcript-fixing scandal within Westchester Community College's men's basketball program.
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Published works

- **"Inside Out" (November 2016)**
Authored and self-published second book, "Inside Out," on Nov. 11, 2016. The book pulls back the curtain on love, heartbreak, and self-discovery, encouraging readers to address their feelings instead of letting them bottle up inside.
 - **"A Crazy Little Thing Called Love" (April 2016)**
Authored debut book, "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love," which was published by The Thought & Expression Co. on April 1, 2016. The book provides a male perspective into the world of dating in what has become a social media-obsessed society.
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (*Dean's List*)
State University of New York at Purchase • Purchase, N.Y. • 2011