

Malak Habbak

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EXPERIENCE

News Associate, CBS News, New York, NY

June 2017 – March 2018

- Translated, fact-checked and coproduced 60 Minutes stories in Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan.
- Researched, collected, and obtained rights for visual elements from social media and third party vendors on stringent deadlines.
- Provided primary source research, compiled statistics, and verified scripts for CBS Evening News producers and writers, with assignments spanning from the Parkland mass shooting, to the Mueller investigation, to Steve Hartman's On The Road series.

Editorial Fellow, The Intercept, New York, NY

Feb. 2017 – May 2017

- Wrote stories on the Trump administration and conflicts in the Middle East.
- Filed public records requests, copy edited and researched articles on immigration, politics, and criminal justice.
- Co-produced social video and assisted lead producer on a six-part video series on data security.
- Compiled, analyzed, and visualized more than 10,000 responses to a reader survey.

Reporter, Beacon Media News Inc., Monrovia, CA

Dec. 2016 – Feb. 2017

- Produced a photo essay on the Los Angeles Women's March.
- Covered cell tower proposals and city funds as an Arcadia city council beat reporter.
- Wrote a profile on a physician and street performance violinist, who engages in community music therapy.

Capital Public Radio Intern, NPR, Sacramento, CA

June 2016 – Sept. 2016

- Researched and produced a photo essay for the digital series, "A Year At Encina," exploring change in suburban Sacramento.
- Took photos at the California Legislature's final day of session and wrote a blog post on a health care bill.
- Contributed Instagram campaign stories to document Latino millennials' voting patterns in the 2016 presidential election.

Staff Writer, The Poly Post, Pomona, CA

Sept. 2014 – June 2016

- Covered student presidential campaigns, campus policies, cultural festivals, state audits, and national grants for Cal Poly Pomona's student newspaper, which reaches 20,000 students and staff.
- Photographed campus events, competitions, entertainers, and protests.

Fault Lines Intern, Al Jazeera English, Washington D.C.

Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2015

- Established contacts with protest organizers and delivered breaking news to producers on the ground in Chicago during the release of the Laquan McDonald shooting video.
- Translated messages from English to Arabic between *Fault Lines* journalists and CIA detainees.
- Monitored demonstrations, vigils, and shootings on social media and interviewed specialists that focus on neurobiological and early brain development for a documentary examining the effects of gun violence on kids.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- Wrote two long-form feature magazine articles on sex trafficking and wage theft in Los Angeles.
- Published a research paper on public radio's efforts to remain relevant and innovative in the face of changing media in the Butler Journal of Undergraduate Research.

SKILLS

- Fluent in Arabic and intermediate in Spanish.
- Worked in ENPS and Avid and proficient in Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, InDesign, and WordPress.

HONORS

- Best Undergraduate Student Project Library Research Award, Cal Poly Pomona 2015 – 2016
- Outstanding Graduating Student Communication Department Award, Cal Poly Pomona 2015 – 2016

COMMUNITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

- Online News Association 2017 – Present
- Society of Professional Journalists 2014 – 2017
- Neighborhood Legal Services 2013 – 2015

EDUCATION

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

June 2016

B.S. in Communication, emphasis Journalism

GPA 3.9

- Summa Cum Laude
- Kellogg Honors College