



COMEDY WRITER AND JOURNALIST

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TRAINING

THE SECOND CITY

- The Writing Program: Sketch, Levels 1–6, 2018–2020
- Online Writing Satire for the Internet, Levels 1–3, 2017–2018

THE ONION

- Diverse As Fuck Workshop, 2019

REDUCTRESS

- Reductress Writing Workshop, 2018

AWARDS

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

- Advanced to Second Round at the 2021 Austin Film Festival Comedy Pilot competition with "The Nest."

THE NEW YORKER

- Wrote "Ivanka Loves Florida!," which appeared on The New Yorker's annual list of its most-read Daily Shouts pieces in 2021.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

THE SECOND CITY

- Co-wrote a sketch show, "Eat, Pray, Love, Scream," which secured a four-week run in 2019.

THE MOTH

- Performed in several The Moth Storyslams, 2017–2018

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

- B.A., Journalism and Psychology 2015, Summa Cum Laude

SELECTED COMEDY WRITING

THE NEW YORKER

- Guitar? Yeah, I Dabble, July 2021
- Ivanka Loves Florida!, March 2021
- Updated Horror Movie Tropes, March 2021
- Spicy Sex Tips for the Couple Spending Every Waking Second Together, Oct. 2020
- Scientific Theories Disproven by 2020, Oct. 2020
- Valuable Lessons I Learned from Statues, July 2020
- Situations My Dad Pictured Me in While Giving Advice, June 2020
- A Brief History of Sports, March 2020
- The Best Business Advice You'll Ever Get, Nov. 2019

THE ONION (HEADLINES ONLY)

- Parakeet Unaware Its Companionship The Only Thing Stopping Man From Committing One Of Bloodiest Acts In American History, March 2021
- Years Of Listening To Grandpa Talk About Dust Bowl Pays Dividends In Instagram Post Honoring His Death, Aug. 2020
- Woman Braces Self As Documentary Shows Sea Lions Happily Swimming Near Shoreline, March 2020
- Thinking About Grandma Does Little To Prevent Man's Ejaculation, Feb. 2020

MCSWEENEY'S

- FAQ: Underage Women, July 2019
- Your Dad's HBO Stand-Up Comedy Special, June 2019
- The First Female President, April 2018

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

LEAD WRITER

Chicago, Nov. 2021–present

NERDWALLET

- Writes about Medicare, small business, insurance and more for NerdWallet's audience of more than 10 million readers.

HOUSING REPORTER

Chicago, April 2019 – Nov. 2021

COSTAR NEWS

- Writes seven original stories per week on housing and economic development to reach a digital audience of 200,000 subscribers.

REAL ESTATE REPORTER

Houston, May 2015 – Jan. 2019

HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

- Report on all aspects of Houston's office, retail and industrial industries for Houston's largest business publication.