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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

**Freelance journalist**—Denver metro area, September 2015-present

**NewsBreak**—Cover natural resources news in Colorado, including oil and natural gas, renewable energy, cannabis, agriculture and mining

**New Scientist**—Broke news developers found WWII-era munitions at offshore wind farm construction sites

**Fortune**—Interviewed Google’s head of sustainability for series on company environmental efforts

**reNEWS**—US offshore wind correspondent. Broke news on projects in development, including supplier/subcontractor deals, lease awards and offtake agreements. Dug into government, court documents. Conducted exclusive interviews with C-level executives. Developed and maintained sources. Covered industry conferences.

**U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, High Country News, Pacific Standard, VICE, Outside Business Journal, Zenger News, Mashed**—Specialize in natural resources coverage. Coverage has also included a mass shooting, cryptocurrency and blockchain, refugees, the U.S. Navy, defense contractors and the outdoor sports industry

**Undercurrent News**—senior reporter and photographer, Denver metro area, August 2014-August 2015

—Coverage of the global seafood industry included breaking news, human rights issues, mergers and acquisitions, court cases, international trade, industry trends, politics and profiles of entrepreneurs and companies involved with farmed and wild-caught seafood

—Was the first to report the spread to Central America of a shrimp disease that has devastated the Asian shrimp industry

—Reported from fishing vessels, farms, processing facilities and conferences throughout the Americas and Asia

—Expanded Undercurrent’s global coverage area with on-the-ground reporting trip to Malaysia

**Mergermarket**—Rocky Mountain regional energy, mining reporter, Denver metro area, March 2013-July 2014

—Wrote profiles of regional businesses, with a focus on energy and mining companies, for an audience of company executives, financial advisors and lawyers.

—Broke news on company mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, initial public offerings, joint ventures and capital raises.

—Wrote about international government oversight issues for sister publication **Policy & Regulatory Report**

**Dealreporter**—metals, mining, industrial reporter, New York, April 2011-March 2013

—Broke news and wrote features on merger and acquisition activity among North American mining, metals and industrial companies for an audience of stock-market traders.

—Used extensive mining investment banking sources to break story on a top gold mining company’s takeover defense strategy

—Broke a story co-published in the **Financial Times** about a Canadian company divesting its coal mines to focus on nickel

**Dow Jones Newswires**—metals, mining reporter, New York, July 2010-March 2011

—Coverage focused on U.S.-based metals and coal mining companies. Continued as part of a team covering New York-traded metals futures markets. Contributed to **The Wall Street Journal** and **Barron’s**

Metals markets reporter, New York, June 2007-July 2010

—Covered U.S. futures markets for gold, copper, silver, platinum and palladium. Filled in on cotton and cocoa coverage.

**The Monitor**—regional business reporter, McAllen/Harlingen/Brownsville, Texas, February 2006-June 2007

—Covered international trade, agriculture, banking, transportation, energy, economic data, demographics, personal finance and social issues

Business reporter, McAllen, Texas, April 2005-February 2006

—Responsibilities included main story for weekly business section, covering a publicly traded bank, daily breaking business news and occasional police, fire and courts stories. Strung for **Reuters**

**The Sun**, Baltimore; **The News & Observer**, Raleigh, N.C.; **Knoxville News Sentinel**, Knoxville, Tenn.; **Scripps Howard Foundation Wire**, Washington — reporting intern

**Euroviews**—writer and photographer, Danish School of Journalism, Aarhus, Denmark, March-April 2003

—Traveled to Bosnia and Herzegovina and wrote a series of stories on mine fields lingering from the 1990s

**The Daily Beacon**, editor in chief, columnist, staff writer, University of Tennessee, January 2001-August 2004

## EDUCATION

**University of Maryland**, Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, October 2006 — Knight Center fellow

**University of Tennessee**, December 2000-December 2004, bachelor's degree in communications, journalism major, magna cum laude, honors program

**School of Journalism**, Netherlands, **Danish School of Journalism**, Denmark, September 2002-June 2003, international journalism diploma

## AWARDS

**Honorable mention class AAA business reporting**, The Associated Press Managing Editors Association of Texas, 2005 — For article about McAllen area's population growth

**Stan Swinton Scholarship**, Overseas Press Club Foundation, 2004 — For series on Bosnian landmines

**Various journalism scholarships**

SKILLS & LANGUAGES Wordpress, Photoshop, Microsoft and Apple productivity suites, live blogging, social media, photography, college-level French, some Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS Society of Professional Journalists, Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Society of Environmental Journalists

## REFERENCES

— **John Divine**, senior financial markets editor, U.S. News & World Report, 704-572-1969, [jdivine29@gmail.com](mailto:jdivine29@gmail.com)

— **Amanda Levin**, Americas editor (former), Mergermarket, (917) 776-8979, [amanda\\_levin@hotmail.com](mailto:amanda_levin@hotmail.com)

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