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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, USA 2010-2014
Bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, Journalism. History double-major.
Overall GPA: 3.84. History GPA: 4.0

HONORS

- Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Ireland, Semi-Finalist 2017
- Driehaus Foundation Award for Investigative Reporting, Honorable Mention 2014
- Josef Barton Research Seminar Essay Award, NU History Department 2014
- William H. Exum Award for best essay on race, NU Sociology Department 2014
- Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society 2014
- National Finalist, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence 2013
Award in Online Opinion and Commentary
- Xenia S. Duchich Scholarship 2011-2014
- Medill Dean's List, 10 of 11 quarters 2010-2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Modern European History
- War, State, and Society
- 20th Century Political Violence

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Progress Michigan, Digital Media Coordinator Sept. 2014 – Present

- Ran digital side of Flint Water Crisis accountability campaign targeting state officials
- Wrote on human rights issues and edited blogs, press releases, and public records requests
- Trained activist groups in social media and digital advertising best practices

The Youth Project, Reporter/Columnist June – Sept. 2014

- Covered youth policy issues, including immigration, elections, and police violence

The Chicago Innocence Center, Web & Investigative Intern June 2013 – June 2014

- Identified cases by corresponding with inmates and assessing wrongful conviction claims
- Managed day-to-day web operations and posted breaking news updates

The Chicago Reporter, Full-Time Journalism Residency

Sept. – Dec. 2013

- Investigated Chicago Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and found students are disproportionately exposed to military branch with the highest number of casualties
- Wrote about race and poverty issues, conducted database searches, and drafted public records requests

PUBLICATIONS

Popular Articles (selected)

Kovac, Matthew. "Michigan's 1 Percent Just Endorsed the Flint Water Crisis." AlterNet, April 7, 2016. Accessed October 17, 2016. <http://www.alternet.org/water/michigan-1-percent-elite-flint-michigan-water-crisis/>.

—. "The Michigan GOP's War on 'A People's History.'" Common Dreams, September 3, 2015. Accessed October 17, 2016. <http://www.commondreams.org/views/2015/09/03/michigan-gops-war-peoples-history/>.

—. "The Hidden Militarism of the DREAM Act." The Youth Project, September 21, 2014. Accessed October 17, 2016. <http://www.chicago-bureau.org/hidden-militarism-dream-act/>.

—. "Bowe Bergdahl and America's Anti-War Hypocrisy." Antiwar.com, August 1, 2014. Accessed October 17, 2016. http://original.antiwar.com/Matthew_Kovac/2014/08/01/bowe-bergdahl-and-americas-antiwar-hypocrisy/.

—. "In the Line of Duty—and Death." *The Chicago Reporter*, January 7, 2014. Accessed October 17, 2016. <http://chicagoreporter.com/chicago-schools-junior-rotc-programs-some-see-troubling-trend/>.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Treasurer , Peace Project	2012-2013
Co-Founder , Northwestern Social Justice Coalition	2012
Editor-in-Chief , The Protest magazine	March 2011 – Dec. 2012
Member , Northwestern Living Wage Campaign	2010-2011

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Professional Journalists 2014-Present

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

Kovac, Matthew. "'Continuing the Mission': World War I and the Roots of Red Scare Violence, 1919-1921." Presented at "Princeton Conjunction 2017 – War Frenzy: Exploring the Violence of Propaganda," Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 13 May 2017. Also presented: University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 18 March 2017; Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, 8 April 2017.