

# CLAY C. VOYTEK

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## SUMMARY STATEMENT

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Motivated, analytical freelance journalist committed to impactful, community-minded storytelling. Significant professional experience proofreading, conducting thorough research on deadline and resolving editorial issues with other journalists in a 24/7 news environment.

## EXPERIENCE

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### CNN The Row

October 2020 – Current

Researcher, past: Freelance Researcher, Fall 2020 Intern

Atlanta, Georgia

- Fact-checking scripts, stories, alerts and projects from various shows and desks, promptly answering editorial inquiries with a demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively on various deadlines
- Vetting details and flagging editorial concerns using court documents, journal studies, prior CNN reporting and other resources; marking corrections and context for an editor's review prior to air, publication or internal distribution; approving op-eds and newsletters solo
- Simultaneously managing team workflow by assigning requests to editors and researchers and updating shared assignment tracker

### Georgia State University Department of Anthropology

2017 – 2020, August 2021 – May 2022

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Atlanta, Georgia

- Engaged in social science research related to conflict, mass violence and reconciliation under the mentorship of anthropology professor Dr. Jennie Burnet; retrieved information from online databases and digital archives; presented findings yearly at a research conference
- Copy edited and participated in the peer-review process for various manuscripts, including book chapters and an encyclopedia article

### O'Neill Communications

March 2019 – December 2021

Freelance Reporter and Content Producer

Georgia, Ohio, Louisiana

- Investigated and wrote long-form features on issues such as education, transportation and food accessibility for statewide developmental disabilities councils in Georgia and Ohio; provided on-site reporting and event coverage and copy edited others' work before publication
- Remotely planned, produced and edited videos for a variety of clients, conducting interviews through Zoom and managing various projects

### Other Professional Work:

- Georgia Recorder — Freelance Reporter January 2022 – June 2022
- Canopy Atlanta — Freelance Fact-Checker and Instructor November 2021 – June 2022
- Atlanta Magazine — Freelance Fact-Checker January 2020 – June 2022
- Oz Magazine — Copy Editing Intern Spring 2020
- *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson — Researcher and Fact-Checker Spring 2020
- The GroundTruth Project — Student Field Reporter Fall 2018
- DJBooth — Contributing Writer Fall 2017

## EDUCATION

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### GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduated: May 2022

B.A. in Journalism (English minor) and B.I.S. in Media Entrepreneurship — *summa cum laude*

Atlanta, Georgia

- Presidential Scholar Class of 2021, Honors College; President's List; Dean's List; Zell Miller Scholarship
- Speaker, panelist and interview guide, Honors College Presidential Scholarship Applicant Interview Days (2017–2022)
- Relevant Coursework: Editing for Publication; Media, Ethics & Society; Digital Writing & Publishing; Applied Graphic Comm.; Media Management & Marketing; Comm. Law & Regulation; Digital Journalism; Advanced Media Writing; Creative Media Topics

## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

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- Key Skills:** Research, fact-checking, copy editing, CNN/AP style, reporting, interviewing, writing and project/client management
- Proficient In:** NewsApps, Microsoft Office, Adobe Premiere Pro/InDesign, social media, G Suite and Windows/Mac OS platforms
- Experience In:** iNews, public records/court documents, databases/data analysis, Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator, HTML/CSS, SEO
- Awards:** Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; 2017 Superior Commentary ("Problematic President Elect"), Georgia Scholastic Press Association; 2018 General Magazine (Print) Silver Crown, Columbia Scholastic Press Association
- Interests:** Atlanta, public policy, social issues, culture, music, film/television, magazines, mixology, cooking and hiking