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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Written over 2,100 news stories for [The Climate Daily](#) podcast since January 2021
- Content Producer, Center for Environmental Filmmaking, American University
- Producer, *East of the River*, winner, “Best Documentary Short,” DC Independent Film Fest 2023; a short documentary about climate activists in DC’s Wards 7 & 8.
- Co-hosted and produced over 560 of *The Climate Daily* podcast episodes since January 2021
- Published [“What I Want My White Friends to Know About My Encounters with the Police”](#) HuffPost.com, June 2020
- Written over 170 aviation industry articles, columns and profiles since 2013
- Published non-fiction book, *Yikes!--100 Smart Pilots, the Dumb Things They Did Yet Lived to Tell About ‘Em*, March 2021
- Won over 20 screenwriting and directing awards since 2015

WRITING/ CONTENT PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present **LEAD WRITER, CO-HOST, AND PRODUCER** Washington, DC
- *The Climate Daily* podcast
 - 8-9 minute, daily podcast featuring four news stories/profiles per episode of people and groups taking solutions-oriented action to combat climate change
 - 2,100 climate change news stories written for over 550 episodes since 2021
 - Conceived of, wrote, directed and edited Climate Champions reforestation pitch video
 - Conceived of, and directed production of motion graphics for Climate Champions reforestation [pitch video](#)
- 2018-Present **GHOST WRITER** Washington, DC
- Responsible for delivering three, 250-500-word articles per month for an AOPA aviation finance executive for publication in [AOPA magazine](#).
- 2014-2020 **AVIATION SCIENCE WRITER** Washington, DC
- Wrote 72, monthly ["Human Factors"](#) columns for *General Aviation News*;
 - I analyzed Aviation Safety Reporting System reports by theme; converted technical aviation information into easily-digestible language and presented it in an easy-to-read format for lay people and aviation enthusiasts alike.
- 2013-2016 **PROMOTIONS WRITER/ MARKETING MANAGER** Washington, DC
- Developed and initiated a unique direct marketing campaign to increase market share for Veteran Compost, a veteran-owned, food scrap compost company by creating a company to act as residential service arm of Veteran Compost (www.vcreidential.com)
 - Wrote script for Veteran Compost Residential promotional video
 - Produced, directed and edited VCR promotional video
 - Wrote copy for Veteran Compost corporate underwriting spot on WAMU 88.5
 - Designed, and wrote copy for Veteran Compost tri-fold brochures
 - As official spokesperson for Veteran Compost, conducted interviews with

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magazine and newspaper writers

WRITING/ CONTENT PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

- Wrote promotional articles for publication and represented company at expos, fairs and farmers' markets
- Created a social network web portal where customer could sign up for service, obtain company and industry information, as well as network with other Veteran Compost Residential customers

2012-2013 **AVIATION COLUMNIST** Washington, DC

- Wrote monthly column for *Atlantic Flyer* featuring Victor Kilo, an earnest-yet-imperfect pilot. Column ended when *Atlantic Flyer* ceased publishing. Wrote under pseudonym "Victor Kilo".

1997-Present **FREELANCE JOURNALIST** Los Angeles, CA

- Pitched ideas for, wrote, and published freelance articles for:
 - *Black Enterprise*, *Transpacific*, and *British Vogue* magazines
 - *AOPA Flight Training* and *Diverse* magazines
- Occasional columnist for Santa Monica Daily Breeze newspaper

1996-97 **DISNEY WRITING FELLOW** **WALT DISNEY STUDIOS** Burbank, CA

- One of 13 out of 13,000+ applicants awarded a writing fellowship at Walt Disney Studios.
- Worked with a team of writers to conceive and pitch sitcom story ideas; wrote scripts.
- Took notes from a team of writers on revisions; rewrote scripts.

1990-95 **CONTRACT SCREENWRITER** Los Angeles, CA

- Wrote scripts with guidance from a team of producers; also punched up scripts for independent producers.

2018-Present **WEEKEND AND FILL-IN HOST** Washington, DC

- WAMU 88.5 FM
 - Provide interstitial entertainment between show segments including weather, brief anecdotes and live-read promos
 - As a fill-in host for midday and Weekend Edition, I also edit, write and live-read news stories
 - Various voice-over work as assigned

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION/MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

2009-Present **DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA PRODUCTION** Washington, DC

- American University School of Communication
 - I have and continue to, direct over 600 weekly newscasts and curriculum-based half hour programs for AU School of Communication
 - I supervise three managers, and a staff of 28 on a \$2.1 million dollar budget
 - I liaise with stakeholders including the offices of the Provost and the President, SOC dean, students, and vendors providing expertise on strategic and operational technology issues.

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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

- 1999-2009 **AIRLINE PILOT** Washington, DC
- Eclipse 500 Captain for Linear Air--FAA Part 135 private Air Taxi service
 - Boeing 717 First Officer for AirTran Airways; responsible for working with captain, flight attendants and other crewmembers in safe conduct of flight
 - Turboprop captain and Regional Jet first officer for Atlantic Coast Airlines

EDUCATION

- BA, Harvard University Cambridge, MA
- Program Certificate, Long Beach City College Long Beach, CA
(Aviation Professional Pilot)
- MFA, Creative Writing, Full Sail University Winter Park, FL

MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Black Journalists
- Washington Association of Black Journalists
- The Uproot Project (Formerly known as Environmental Journalists of Color)
- Climate Reality Project, DC Chapter
- Harvard Alumni for Climate and Environment
- American Meteorological Society
- National Press Club
- Directors Guild of America

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