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IN BRIEF

Luke is a foreign affairs reporter; radio anchor and producer; radio personality; photographer; and videographer with five years of experience reporting from the United Nations and more than 30 countries.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chief Foreign Correspondent, Talk Media News (formerly Talk Radio News Service) New York, 8/2012–present

Previously: U.N. Bureau Chief, U.N. Correspondent

- Identify and break foreign policy and diplomatic news, educating thousands of readers and listeners daily
- Conceptualize, book, anchor and edit weekly “Wake” radio broadcast, a program exploring how overseas events affect the U.S.
- Write, anchor and edit daily “World in 2:00” radio broadcasts, filling a void in short-form foreign policy coverage/analysis
- Conduct live ‘talkbacks’ with affiliate radio stations, driving deeper coverage of foreign policy on dozens of local stations
- Pitch, plan and execute international reporting trips on five continents

Freelance radio contributor and photographer New York, 1/2012–present

- Appear on intl. TV/radio programs, including the BBC World Service, South African Broadcasting Corporation, CBS TV and more
- Shoot and sell photographs, purchased by The New Yorker, CNN, Vox, Al-Jazeera, the Norwegian Nobel Committee and more (often published under name of Luke William Pasley)

Washington Reporter (Intern) , Talk Radio News Service Washington, 5/2012–9/2012

- Covered Congressional meetings and various events around the capital region, earning a deeper understanding of U.S. politics
- Produced multimedia coverage from the Charlotte DNC and Tampa RNC, including daily video packages for FreeSpeechTV and the David Pakman Show

Youth Political Correspondent, WHBQ Fox 13 Memphis, Tenn., 1/2012–8/2012

- Pitched and produced 15 on-air ‘talkback’ segments throughout the 2012 Republican presidential primary
- Shot and edited video and photo b-roll to accompany live segments from La., Miss., N.Y., S.C. and Tenn.

FIELD REPORTING

Monterrey, Mexico and Mexico City – Immigration, international trade, law enforcement cooperation (2/2017)

Brasilia, Recife and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – Brazilian political turmoil, Zika virus, olympics (6/2016)

Manila, Philippines and Hanoi, Vietnam – South China Sea diplomacy, Vietnamese Communist Party congress (1/2016)

Various locations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia – Refugee crisis (11/2015)

Moscow – Russian shows of force and geopolitical posturing (5/2015)

Kiev and Crimea, Ukraine – Euromaidan revolution and ongoing Russian occupation (2/2014, 3/2015)

Ramallah, West Bank and Jerusalem – Israeli parliamentary elections and Palestinian politics (3/2015)

Tunis, Tunisia – First democratic presidential elections, growth of global terrorism (11/2014)

Medellin, Colombia – International development and urban planning, impact of FARC conflict (4/2014)

Amman, Irbid and Zaatari Refugee Camp, Jordan – Syrian conflict and refugee crisis, natural resource competition (10/2013)

Also: Tiquipaya, Bolivia (10/2015); The Hague, The Netherlands (11/2014); Paris (11/2014); The U.K., including London and Edinburgh (5/2015); Warsaw, Poland (11/2013)

TECH AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Audio, photo and video editing: Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, Amadeus Pro, Audio Hijack, SoundCloud, LibSyn, iTunes Podcast Connect, Podbean, Canon 5D, Zoom, Tascam

Graphic design: Adobe Illustrator

Languages: English, native speaker; Spanish, working proficiency; AP Style

EDUCATION

New York University Gallatin School of Individualized Study New York, 9/2010–5/2013

Bachelor of Arts in Rhetoric, self-designed program in political discourse and creative writing

Minor in Russian and European Studies

Winner, Academy of American Poets Judith Lobel Arkin Prize

Johns Hopkins University, School of Arts and Sciences Baltimore, 9/2009–5/2010

Writing Seminars