

JUSTIN CURTO

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EDUCATION

**Northwestern University,
Medill School of Journalism
(Evanston, Illinois //
March 2020)**

- Bachelor of Science in Journalism
- Minors in musicology & critical theory
- 3.89 GPA
- 8/9 quarters on Dean's List
- **Relevant coursework:** Magazine Writing, Arts & Entertainment Reporting, Magazine Presentation, Fundamental Texts in Aesthetic Theory, U.S. Popular Music History

**Université Sorbonne
Nouvelle – Paris III
(Paris // Fall 2018)**

- Art, Literature & Contemporary European Thought program
- **Research paper:** "[Synergy Through Sensation: The Uniting Power of Color and Sound for Avant-Garde Visual Artists and Musicians](#)"
- French language coursework at Sciences Po

AWARDS

- 2018 Mark of Excellence Regional Finalist, NorthbyNorthwestern.com
- 2018 Samuel Weber Paper Prize, second place
- Medill Student Showcase, 2017 & 2018
- Eagle Scout

SKILLS

- **Advanced:** AP style, Ghost CMS, social media, Wordpress CMS
- **Intermediate:** Adobe Indesign, InCopy, Photoshop & Premiere Pro; DSLR photography; SEO best practices; Spanish
- **Basic:** Adobe Illustrator, HTML & CSS coding

WORK EXPERIENCE

New York magazine **Sept. 2019-present**

Contributor, Vulture // Dec. 2019-present

- Pitch and write multiple online features per month on music and TV

Editorial intern, Vulture // Sept.-Dec. 2019

- Covered music, movies, TV, theater and books online daily, including popular features on [Elton John's memoir, Me](#), and [The Kelly Clarkson Show](#)
- Wrote weekly TV recaps of [RuPaul's Drag Race U.K. season 1](#) and [interviewed eliminated contestants](#)

Freelance **Jan. 2018-present**

Freelance writer // Jan. 2018-present

- Write [music features](#) and [concert previews](#) for the *Chicago Reader*
- Other bylines in [The Outline](#), [INTO](#) and the [Windy City Times](#)

Billboard.com contributor // May-Dec. 2018

- Published 4,000-word feature "[The Buzz's Rocky Year: Inside the Kansas City Radio Station That Helps Alternative Bands Get Big](#)" with photos
- Earned a Northwestern Undergraduate Research Grant to fund reporting on KRBZ 96.5 The Buzz during a summer in Kansas City

Kansas City magazine **June 2017-March 2020**

Contributing calendar editor // Jan. 2018-March 2020

- Curated and wrote front-of-book event previews for monthly print issue
- Covered local music, theater and nightlife in print and online

Editorial intern // June-Aug. 2017, Dec. 2017-Jan. 2018

- Reported on culture in print and online, including for cover packages

People **June-Aug. 2019**

American Society of Magazine Editors intern

- Covered music, movies, TV and books daily for the website, including events such as [the Video Music Awards](#) and [Taylor Swift's album release](#)
- Interviewed celebrities like [Julianne Moore](#), [Andy Cohen](#) and [Mario Lopez](#)
- Reported and wrote multiple stories for the print magazine, along with fact-checking features, front-of-book stories and reviews weekly

North by Northwestern **Sept. 2016-June 2019**

Editor-in-chief // Nov. 2017-June 2018

- Led online publishing and made coverage decisions with senior editors
- Hired, managed and communicated with 30-person online staff
- Implemented changes in online publishing process to increase efficiency
- Created budget with print editor and publisher to fund two print issues

Senior online features editor // Jan.-June 2019

- Assigned and edited in-depth stories ranging from a look into [the aftermath of a student death by suicide](#) to a [ranking of campus buildings](#)

Online managing editor // Sept.-Nov. 2017

- Edited and published stories three nights per week
- Advised two section editors and oversaw respective sections

Online entertainment editor // Jan.-May 2017

- Assigned and edited 3-4 weekly stories from a 10-person team

Online contributor // Sept.-Dec. 2016

- Reported and took photos for entertainment and news coverage