

# JOHN LEOS

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## Multimedia Storyteller//Borderlands Journalist

Former outdoor educator and humanitarian volunteer, I am currently a graduate student at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication interested in human-centered stories focusing on the environment, immigration and border policies.

### Technical Skills

DSLR photography, videography, Adobe Lightroom/Photoshop/Premiere Pro, drone/aerial photography (FAA certified pilot), Wilderness First Responder

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### Selected Work Experience:

#### **Cronkite News**

*Visual Journalist – Health Disparities*

*Aug. 2023 - Present*

- Report video, photo essays, and digital content on health disparities in Arizona and the American Southwest.
- Produce quality depth reporting as a part of the Carter Center’s Mental Health Parity Collaborative, along with participating professional newsrooms in eight states.

#### **Howard Center for Investigative Journalism**

*Visual Investigative Journalist*

*Aug. 2023 - Present*

- Collaborate with a team of journalists on researching, requesting records, analyzing data and interviewing key stakeholders on an in depth national investigation.
- Lead in the photography, videography and collection of visual materials.

#### **Cronkite Borderlands Project**

*Multimedia Journalist*

*Jan. 2023 - May 2023*

- Reported and photographed enterprise stories from rural areas of the Dominican Republic about immigration, workers’ rights and the economy.
- Filmed and produced a video report about Dominican immigration, national security, and environmental policies from the Dominican-Haitian border.

#### **Meridian Hill Pictures**

*Post Production Intern– “The First Step” (dir. Brandon Kramer).*

*Jan. 2019 - May 2019*

*\* Official Selection– Tribeca Film Festival 2021, Amazon Prime Streaming*

- Logged and organized media materials for an independent film company working on a feature length documentary film featuring prominent political subjects.

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### Education/Academic Certifications:

#### **Master of Mass Communication**

*\* Expected Graduation Dec. 2023*

*Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication*

#### **Graduate Certificate– Documentary Filmmaking**

*Aug. 2019*

*The George Washington University - Columbian College of Arts and Sciences*