

UPHILL WOW

WORDS OF WISDOM

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WHAT ARE SIGNATURE THINGS YOU TELL PEOPLE REGARDING YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE?

- I'm extremely passionate about the future of news and connecting it with local communities which is why working on GVLtoday + AVLtoday is really a dream.
- I also believe there are so many stories that need to be told in smaller cities which are so vital to creating a strong local culture.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE?

"Work hard + be nice to people." It's really at the crux of what it means to flow through the world in a positive way, while still growing personally + professionally.

IF YOU COULD OFFER ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

Slow down. Before I moved to Greenville, I had 10 internships. Much of my college time was focused on my career. In retrospective I could have enjoyed my time a little more and still gotten to where I am.

WHAT ARE YOUR 3 FAVORITE BOOKS?

- *Half of Yellow Sun*, Chimamanda Ngozi
- *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, Matthew Desmond
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* series, C.S. Lewis

WHAT ARE YOUR 3 NOUNS THAT DESCRIBE YOU?

- Acceptor
- Campaigner
- Encourager

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