

# Lauren Hakimi

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Reporter, Shtetl

Feb. 2023 – Present

- Pitch and write several reported pieces per week about ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities in New York as the sole full-time reporter at a new, nonprofit, independent news outlet. Balance quick hits with long-term projects. Find and develop sources in a tight-knit community. My work has been cited in the Atlantic, Politico, the New York Daily News, Gothamist, the Journal News and more

### Freelance Writer, Reporter and Editor

April 2020 – Feb. 2023

- Pitched and wrote reported pieces and essays for Bon Appétit, BuzzFeed News, Salon, the Forward, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the New York Jewish Week, City Limits and more. For four months, I held a contract role as an associate editor of New Voices, an outlet for Jewish young adults

### Digital Reporting and Writing Intern, The Forward

Nov. 2021 – June. 2022

- Wrote stories about Jewish life, including quick hits and feature stories. Built my stories in WordPress with related articles, headlines, dek and URL. Promoted my work and engaged with readers on social media. Wrote “this day in history” content for morning newsletter

### D.C. Newsgathering Intern, CNN

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

- Logged congressional hearings and other events with federal agency leadership, flagging [newsworthy moments](#) in real time. Transcribed newsworthy exchanges during congressional hearings, such as the House select committee hearing on the Jan. 6 Capitol riots

### News Intern, WNYC Radio

Jan. 2021 – May 2021

- Logged press conferences and other local news events and shared highlights with team. Produced 47 cut-copies for daily newscasts. Conducted person-on-the-street interviews and remote interviews for newscast. Reported and voiced a spot about funding public higher education. Collected poems from listeners via email and prepared them for air and web. Pitched, arranged and scripted 2-way interview with author Sarah Schulman

### Student Network Volunteer, First Draft News

June 2020 – Sept. 2020

- Monitored social media with sophisticated tools to identify data gaps and find false and misleading content related to COVID-19, Black Lives Matter and the 2020 election for newsroom partners to fill and debunk. Identified voting challenges in 2020 primary elections across the country to share with newsroom partners. Helped facilitate an election crisis simulation for newsroom partners in preparation for the 2020 general election. Was recognized as one of program's "top ten contributors"

## HONORS

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Four awards from the Hunter College Department of English

April 2021, May 2022

Outstanding Student Leader – Hunter College – for my work as editor of Hunter’s school news site

May 2021

Scholarship from ACES: The Society for Editing

Feb. 2021

Investigative Reporters and Editors Knight Foundation Fellow

Aug. 2020

## EDUCATION

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Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College (CUNY)

New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in English and History | Minors in Economics and Spanish | 3.96 GPA

June 2022