

Lauren Hakimi

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer and Reporter

April 2020 – Present

- Pitch and write reported pieces and essays for Hell Gate, Gothamist, City Limits, the New York Jewish Week, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, The Forward, BuzzFeed News, Bon Appétit, Salon and more

Reporter, Shtetl

February 2023 – October 2024

- Pitched and wrote several reported pieces per week about ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities in New York as the sole reporter at a new nonprofit news outlet. Balanced quick hits with long-term projects. Found and developed sources in a tight-knit community. Made over 180 FOIA requests. My work was cited in the Atlantic, Politico, the New York Daily News, Gothamist, the Journal News and more

Digital Reporting and Writing Intern, The Forward

November 2021 – June 2022

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

D.C. Newsgathering Intern, CNN

June 2021 – August 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

January 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 public higher education funding. Pitched, arranged and scripted [2-way interview](#) with author Sarah Schulman

Student Network Volunteer, First Draft News

October 2020 – December 2020

- Monitored social media with sophisticated tools to help debunk misinformation related to COVID-19, Black Lives Matter and the 2020 election. Identified voting challenges in 2020 primary elections across the country to flag to newsroom partners, such as ProPublica. Helped facilitate an election crisis simulation for newsroom partners in preparation for the 2020 general election.

Editor-in-Chief, The Envoy

November 2019 – June 2022

- Revived college's only student-run news site. Recruited editorial team to provide high-quality journalism for Hunter students. Guided writers throughout reporting and writing process while also reporting stories myself. Edited articles for grammar, clarity, concision, readability and adherence to journalistic conventions

EDUCATION

Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College (CUNY)

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

New York, NY

June 2022