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EXPERIENCE

USA Today

Washington, D.C.

Politics Intern

June 2022 – Present

- Pitch and write enterprise/breaking stories for USA Today's politics section, from wide-ranging topics such as cryptocurrency, political profiles and misinformation, gathering hundreds of thousands of views
- Published and contributed to multiple A1 stories in print
- File quick turnaround breaking news blog posts for USA Today's live coverage of Jan. 6 Committee's public hearings, House gun violence hearing after Uvalde shooting, and various 2022 midterm debates
- Covered Inflation Reduction Act's proceedings and passage in Congress from the Hill
- Build SEO for stories to maximize search appearances and content engagement

CNN Newsource

Washington, D.C. (Remote)

DC Intern

January 2022 – April 2022

- Identified sources, researched stories, gathered elements, and fact-checked scripts for both daily and enterprise broadcast packages
- Wrote summaries of stories of daily broadcast packages for affiliate stations
- Pitched and produced an enterprise story on the global sand shortage

Salon

New York, NY (Remote)

Editorial Intern, News and Politics

September 2021 – December 2021

- Wrote and pitched multiple articles related to national politics, current events, and media
- Shelled partner stories (Raw Story, AlterNet, Common Dreams) on Salon's CMS platform
- Refined news judgement tailored to audience of Salon.com

MSNBC

New York, NY (Remote)

AAJA Fellow, All In with Chris Hayes

June 2021 – August 2021

- Researched stories for elements and sound bites with a focus on politics for show segments
- Fact-checked segment scripts and information on various stories and editorials
- Transcribed and logged daily rundown meetings and tape

Granite State News Collaborative

Various Locations, NH

Lead Reporter, College Diversity Series

February 2021 – May 2021

- Managed in-depth race and equity series in New Hampshire's largest colleges and universities
- Created a reporting plan for the project including one mainbar story and four sidebar stories
- Wrote mainbar story examining diversity in New Hampshire's largest colleges and universities while also writing a sidebar story examining financial disparity at Dartmouth College

Election SOS Fellow

October 2020 – November 2020

- Reported on underrepresented issues in New Hampshire such as voting in nursing homes and Vietnamese Americans in the 2020 election
- Relayed tips from NH's Secretary of State Office to collaborative partners

EDUCATION

Saint Anselm College

Manchester, NH

Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Communication

May 2023

SKILLS

- Vietnamese
- Copyediting
- CMS
- AP Style
- AVID iNEWS
- Microsoft Excel