

Skylla Mumana

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Education

- University of California, Berkeley, Graduate School of Journalism** [Aug. 2024-Expected May 2026]
M.J. Narrative Writing
- Baylor University, College of Arts & Sciences** [Aug. 2020- May 2024]
B.A. Journalism, 4.0 GPA

Work Experience

Editorial Fellow | Knee Deep Times, San Francisco, CA [Aug. 2024-Jan. 2025]

- Editorial fellow position at KneeDeep Times, a climate resilience magazine in the Bay area.
- In this position I pitched, wrote and produced quick chats and enterprise stories.
- I also handled editorial tasks like researching, copy-editing and fact checking.

Arts & Culture Reporter | Richmond Confidential, Berkeley, CA [Aug. 2024-Dec. 2024]

- Reporter position at Richmond, Confidential, an independent online news publication established by the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism.
- In this position I covered the vibrant arts and culture scene in Richmond, California. I pitched and wrote event coverage and enterprise pieces.

Editorial Intern | WACOAN Magazine, Waco, TX [Mar. 2023-May 2024]

- Internship position at WACOAN Magazine, a city-wide publication.
- I pitched and authored a variety of pieces including features, profiles, and event coverage stories.
- I also delivered magazines to physical stands in the community, wrote the home section of each issue, and handled editorial tasks like researching, copy-editing, and fact checking.

Co-Editor-in-Chief | Focus Magazine, Waco, TX [Aug. 2022-Jan. 2023]

- Student media position at Baylor University.
- Co-led the production of the Fall 2022 edition, managing content and design.
- I wrote a variety of pieces, copy-edited contributions by volunteer writers, and utilized Adobe Creative Suite for design concepts.

Staff Reporter | The Baylor Lariat, Waco, TX [Aug. 2021-Dec. 2021]

- Student media position at the Baylor Lariat, an award-winning student newspaper.
- In this position I worked on the Arts & Life beat. I conducted interviews and wrote a variety of event coverage stories, reviews, and opinion pieces.

Awards

- 2024 Leah & Robert Hemenway Foundation Award for Exceptional Promise in Writing
2023 Baptist Communicator Award for Best Cover Recipient (2nd)
2023 Baptist Communicator Award for Best Magazine (3rd)

Skills & Affiliations

Software Skills: Intermediate level proficiency in Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Photoshop, and WordPress

Data Skills: Beginner level proficiency in SQLite, VS Code, Microsoft Excel, Data Wrapper

Public Record Requesting Experience

Member of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)