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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Evanston, Ill. (GPA 3.8/4.00)

B.S. Journalism, second major in Sociology, minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies; graduated June 2023

Northwestern Bay Area Immersion Program, January 2022 – March 2022

Studied data reporting and visual journalism in San Francisco; designed initiatives for ecology think tanks.

JOURNALISM AND MEDIA

Chicago Tribune, Chicago

Business and Emerging News Intern

July 2023 – January 2024

- Wrote 100+ stories, including data work, collaborations and multiple front-page features
- Stepped into healthcare beat, covering labor actions and hospital system events
- Spearheaded coverage of Evanston family held hostage in Gaza, among other breaking stories

Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago

Reporting Intern

January 2023 – March 2023

- Built and balanced mini-beats in transportation and religion while on general assignment
- Reported thoughtful and varied profiles, including obituaries, of Chicago residents
- Expanded breaking news skills by tracing the local impact of national and evergreen stories

News & Observer, Raleigh, N.C.

Metro Reporting Intern

June 2022 – August 2022

- Wrote 30+ stories about gun violence, opioid abatement, protests, schools and Durham civic issues
- Produced data-driven news package investigating statewide spikes in animal shelter euthanasia
- Drafted DEI stylebook, inspiring weekly newsroom meetings for brainstorming sensitive coverage

Daily Northwestern, Evanston, Ill.

In Focus Editor

August 2022 – December 2022

- Edited longform investigations focused on accountability, while training staffers to work with FOIA

Co-City Editor

March 2022 – June 2022

- Edited four to six stories a night across eight developed beats while mentoring 32 student reporters
- Improved staff civic and political literacy with city council and education reporting training program

Copy Chief

March 2021 – June 2021

- Updated newsroom style guide with an equity lens, incorporating coverage history and feedback
- Previously worked as DEI chair, assistant city editor, housing issue editor and assistant audio editor

Knight Lab Studio, Evanston, Ill.

Journalism and Democracy Applied Student Team

March 2021 – June 2021

- Interviewed voters nationwide; developed a web toolkit for aggregating local elections coverage

LEADERSHIP

Poll Place Technician, Cook County, Ill.

November 2020 – present

- Lead up to eight volunteers in setup, voter processing and ballot transmission for three elections

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Arc, ArcGIS, Audition, C, C++, CSS, Cue, Cyberduck, Datawrapper, Figma, Final Cut, Flourish, French, HTML, InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere, Python, Stata, Transistor, WordPress