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Experience:

LOS ANGELES TIMES, El Segundo, CA: *Asian American Communities Reporter*, Jan. 2022 – Jan. 2024

- Covered California’s evolving Asian American community, with a focus on capturing its diversity and breaking stereotypes and perceptions people have had of the population. Brought in thousands of new subscribers.
- Captured the first eyewitness account of the 2023 Monterey Park mass shooting. Helped anchor and coordinate the week’s coverage, working with dozens of reporters and editors, and wrote several front-page stories explaining the city’s significance to the Asian American community and how the community was reacting to the event.
- Wrote dozens of enterprise stories on subjects ranging from queer Asian American parties to a former gang member and convicted killer facing deportation to South Korea. Also contributed to breaking news coverage.
- Appeared on MSNBC and NPR to discuss my work. Produced a podcast episode on how Korean elders fell in love with the music genre Trot. Went on Radio Korea, the biggest Korean-language radio station in the U.S., every Monday to discuss my work with the Korean-speaking audience. Helped organize and participated in several panels and events engaging with the community.

SACRAMENTO BEE, Sacramento, CA: *California Economic Mobility Reporter*, Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2021

- Covered California’s economic inequality, focusing on helping working-class Californians understand the state’s policies.
- Pitched and wrote a story on how the lack of social workers hurt Californians’ ability to get food stamps, which was picked up by the L.A. Times.
- Was the first to report on a California court ruling striking down a ballot measure on Uber/Lyft drivers, beating the competition by at least half an hour.
- Wrote an [exclusive story on an indictment of one of the biggest union leaders](#) in the state, which was cited by Politico and the Associated Press, among others.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, Anaheim, CA: *Local Reporter*, Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2020; *Intern*, June 2017 - Sept. 2017

- Wrote three to six stories a week, from quick hits to deeper profiles and explainers, as I covered eight cities across Orange County, with a focus on Fullerton, Orange and San Juan Capistrano. Regularly sought story ideas from readers on Facebook groups.

JOURNAL & COURIER, Lafayette, IN: *City and County Reporter*, Feb. 2018 – Sept. 2018

- Wrote five to eight stories a week, including weekly explainer stories; A backup breaking news reporter.

Additional Leadership Experiences and Skills:

AAJA VOICES, Washington D.C.: *Editor*, May 2023 - July 2023

- Edited six college students’ work from pitch to story, including a piece on how the country’s Chinatowns are fighting to survive.

DAILY BRUIN, Los Angeles, CA: *Alumni Board Member*, July 2022 – Now; *Managing Editor*, May 2015 - June 2016; *Assistant News Editor*, May 2014 - May 2015; *News Contributor*, October 2013 - May 2014

- Led the paper’s daily production with a staff of more than 500 editors and contributors. Increased the website’s page views by 20% and Facebook followers by 30%.
- Has led the coaching panel for the paper’s news section, regularly critiquing its stories and giving advice to its editors

Education:

- The University of California, Los Angeles: Political Science (B.A.)

Awards:

- First Place, Best Breaking News Story at the 2023 Orange County Press Club Award for an initial story on the 2022 Laguna Woods mass shooting
- First Place, “The Real O.C. Award” — a story that “best captures something special” about Orange County — at the 2019 Orange County Press Club Award for a profile on the country’s first LGBTQ Muslim elected official
- Runner-Up, Excellence in Political Reporting at the 2023 Asian American Journalists Association for coverage of L.A. elections from the perspective of the Asian American community

Skills:

- Native speaker in Korean; Proficient in R and WordPress.