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Education

Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ

August 2022 - May 2025

- Journalism and Mass Communications B.A.
- Spanish (Minor)
 - GPA: 4.0
- Enrolled in 3+1 program and will complete Mass Communication MMC in May 2026

Professional and Leadership Experience

The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism - Investigative Reporter

January 2026 - Present

- Lead reporter on a long-term investigative project that will be published with a national partner news outlet like the Associated Press, CBS News and USA Today
- Lead experimenter with AI-assisted coding and data analysis including ChatGPT, Gemini, Julius and NotebookLM.

The State Press - Opinion Editor, Lead Senior Reporter, Assignment Editor

August 2023 - Present

- Content edited top-performing story about ASU nightlife with 30,000+ views
- Top politics and community reporter in the newsroom tasked with breaking news and project stories
- Pitch dozens of stories per week for an award-winning college newspaper's sports, politics, community, science and arts desks to round out our coverage and find fresh angles.

Cronkite News DC - Borderlands Reporter

August 2024 - December 2024

- Covered abortion and immigration at the Democratic National Convention
- Cover Arizona's border communities and immigration policy from DC, with my work being picked up by 5+ Arizona news outlets

PolitiFact - Staff Writer

September 2024 - December 2024

- Assisted live fact-checking for the vice presidential debate between Tim Walz and JD Vance
- Fact-checked claims relating to the Arizona U.S. Senate race between Ruben Gallego and Kari Lake

La Voz del Interior - Reporting Intern

May 2024 - July 2024

- Wrote stories in Spanish about U.S. politics, immigration and higher education for an award-winning Argentinian daily newspaper
- Helped produce its political programs Bajo Palabra and Voto y Voz

Copper Courier - Education and Immigration Reporter

January 2025 - May 2025

- Wrote top-performing day-turn story about schools preparing for ICE raids
- Cover the Arizona Legislature's education and border committees

James B. Steele Fellow - Reynolds Center for Business Journalism

August 2025 - Present

- One of three fellows handpicked by the Reynolds Center to receive mentorship and help judge Bartlett and Steele Awards
- Produce content that helps reporters cover business and the economy

Arizona Capitol Times - Reporting Intern

August 2023 - December 2023

- Wrote top-performing story on potential psilocybin mushroom clinical trials in Arizona
- Wrote feature stories about water and healthcare policy

New York Times - NYT Corps Member

September 2023 - Present

- One of 19 student journalists selected by the Times to its talent pipeline
- Mentored by Times journalist and former foreign correspondent Steven Lee Myers

Asian American Journalists Association ASU - Social Media Director, President

May 2024 - Present

- Increased our Instagram following by 10% as social media director
- Started mentorship program pairing our student members with AAJA Arizona journalists

McCain Institute - 2024 Sedona Forum Volunteer

May 2024 - May 2024

- One of five students selected to help run the Institute's signature event that convened national and international leaders for constructive dialogue about how to advocate for human rights and democracy

Arizona Senate - Senate Page

January 2023 - May 2023

- Handpicked by Senate sergeant-at-arms to serve lawmakers and staff
- Staffed Senate Appropriations and Natural Resources committees

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BLAZE Radio- Anchor, Reporter

August 2022 - November 2023

- Covered 2022 midterm elections, Senate debate and the Attorney General debate

Cronkite Foreign and International Reporting Club - Anchor

August 2022 - August 2024

- Co-hosted a longform radio segment focusing exclusively on global politics and events

Research Experience

Sports and Globalization Research Aide - The Great Game Lab

July 2024 - Present

- Assist research and fact-checking on topics surrounding how the United States connects with the world through sports for a professor who is the Special Advisor to the President of Arizona State University

Melikian Center Undergraduate Fellowship - Fellow

January 2024 - May 2024

- Researched the influence of Russian mass media on Kyrgyz audiences in collaboration with faculty from the Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies at ASU.

Honors & Awards

2026-2027 U.S. Student Fulbright Finalist to Argentina

2022 Flinn Foundation Scholar – full-ride scholarship awarded to top 20 high-achieving seniors in Arizona every year

2022 State Press Retention Award – recognizes new, talented, and high-achieving people within the organization

Society of Professional Journalists 2023 Mark of Excellence Award Finalist for Editorial/Opinion Writing

2025 Outstanding Undergraduate

2025 Critical Language Scholar (Mandarin)

Phi Beta Kappa