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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications, Evanston, Ill.,
Bachelor of Science in Journalism, double major in Political Science, March 2025 | Dean's List: 7 of 8 academic quarters

JOURNALISM & MEDIA EXPERIENCE

POLITICO, news publication, Rosslyn, Va.

Transportation Policy Intern, June 2025 - Present

- Writes briefs on transportation news, including breakdowns of policy changes in Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill"
- Delivers enterprise stories on smaller topics with high levels of interest from subscribers, such as a piece on rail automation
- Catches lawmakers and cabinet officials for comment for my own stories and the Morning Transportation newsletter

Texas Tribune, news publication, Austin, Texas

Reporting Fellow, January 2025 - March 2025

- Pitched and wrote enterprise stories on statewide education issues, including public school finance and student absenteeism
- Served as breaking news reporter each Saturday, turning around quick coverage on topics ranging from President Donald Trump's tariff policies to a measles outbreak in West Texas

Block Club Chicago, news publication, Chicago, Ill.

Reporting Intern, September 2024 - December 2024

- Filed more than 40 stories on neighborhood-based news, community development and elections administration

Dallas Morning News, print newspaper, Dallas, Texas

Local News Intern, June 2024 - September 2024

- Wrote two to three stories each week focused on how issues in Dallas impact stakeholders in the city's communities
- Filed breaking news and utility content on deadline, including stories related to local disasters and national politics
- Pitched stories focused on the impact of state policies on regional topics, such as housing policy and elections

The Daily Northwestern, student newspaper, Evanston, Illinois

Investigations Editor, March 2024 - May 2024

- Oversaw a desk that produced three longer form investigations, two more than the previous quarter

Print Managing Editor, March 2023 - June 2023

- Served as a point person for the Editor-in-chief regarding news judgment decisions and liaison to senior editors

Campus Desk Editor, December 2022 - March 2023

- Led a desk of 25 reporters and organized weekly meetings with staffers to discuss story ideas and desk logistics
- Edited and published more than 180 stories, three to six pieces per night and four nights weekly

Medill News Service, news publication, Washington, D.C.

National Security Reporter, September 2023 - December 2023

- Reported one to two stories per week on federal government functions related to national security, including coverage of Congressional and Supreme Court hearings
- Filed more than 15 daily stories and enterprise pieces on deadline to relevant news publications, including UPI and Military.com

Midstory, media publication, Toledo, Ohio

Intern, June 2023 - September 2023

- Pitched and wrote feature stories on economics and politics for a solutions-oriented nonprofit publication, incorporating mapping and graph-based data visuals created through Datawrapper and Flourish

SKILLS

Editorial/Digital: AP style, Video Editing, Photography, Adobe Premiere Pro, WordPress, Datawrapper, Excel, Python