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Casey He is a general assignment news intern at the *Chicago Sun-Times*, where he reports on local news and politics, including the current federal deportation blitz. Most recently, he was a news intern at *The Dallas Morning News*, where he reported on local governments in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and breaking news events like the Kerr County flood. Casey has a passion for writing about how policy and politics impact local communities.

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The Chicago Sun-Times | Chicago

## News Intern, General Assignment

September 2025 – December 2025

- Pitch, report and write daily stories and enterprises about breaking news development, events and trends in the Chicago area
- Contribute to coverage of President Trump's "Midway Blitz" deportation campaign in Chicago, including stories on ICE activity, resident protests and lawsuits

The Dallas Morning News | Dallas

## News Intern, Local Government

June 2025 – August 2025

- Pitched and wrote daily stories and enterprises about local governments and topics in Collin County, one of fastest-growing regions in country, focusing on housing, infrastructure and local politics
- Collaborated with breaking news desk on coverage of Kerr County floods; contributed to main daily coverage, re-wrote main story using updates from the field, and wrote breakouts on historical perspective and aid efforts

The Daily Northwestern | Evanston, Ill.

## Reporter

September 2022 – June 2025

- Led an investigative project into mismanagement allegations at a local cafe, leading to management changes

## Print Managing Editor

March 2024 - June 2024

- Co-led 24-hour coverage of breaking news developments with other senior editors, including protest and encampment against Israel-Gaza War on campus; coverage averaged 20,000 views per day during five-day protest

## City Editor

December 2023 - March 2024

- Led three assistant editors and 20+ beat reporters to produce 15+ stories per week for a core news desk

Midstory | Toledo, Ohio

## Reporting Intern

June 2024 - August 2024

- Pitched and wrote long-form, solution-oriented features about politics, policy and emerging technology industries and trends in Midwestern U.S.
- Led interviewing and writing for data storytelling project on Ohio presidential election history and 2020 election breakdown; project was featured on regional news outlets including Michigan Public Radio
- Created data visualizations and maps for news features using Datawrapper, Flourish and ArcGIS
- Produced social media and newsletter content using Canva and Adobe Lightroom to expand organization's digital presence

Medill News Service | Washington

## Technology Reporter

September 2023 - December 2023

- Covered U.S. Senate, House, White House and Supreme Court proceedings regularly on tight deadline; reported stories on tech policy, focusing on AI, social media regulation and semiconductor manufacturing, and published in national media outlets
- Pitched and wrote enterprise story on semiconductor export control based on research and interviews with stakeholders
- Vet political candidates, filed Freedom of Information Act requests and scrutinized public records for investigative projects, including one on Washington's municipal unemployment benefits system

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## EDUCATION

### Northwestern University | Evanston, Ill.

September 2022 – December 2025

B.S. in Journalism and Political Science, minor in Legal Studies

Awards: Dean's List (9/9 quarters), Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society

### Research & Communication Assistant, Center for Communication and Public Policy

September 2024 – June 2025

- Researched social media's role on polarization of American public; authored briefs about center's research and policymaking implications on artificial intelligence, social media and election