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Casey He is a recent Northwestern graduate with experience reporting on breaking news and local government across Chicago, Dallas and New York City, as well as Capitol Hill and federal policy. He has strong breaking news instincts and enterprising abilities, built through working at professional newsrooms. He is passionate about reporting on how complex issues and debates impact people and communities.

Midstory | Toledo, Ohio

Editorial Fellow

May 2026 - present

- Report, write and edit long-form, research-heavy feature stories on demographics, housing, economy and technology in the American Midwest
- Assist in video, podcast and social media content production to promote stories; skills include Adobe Suite, Canva, ArcGIS

Reporting Intern

June 2024 - August 2024

- Led interviewing and writing for data analysis project on presidential elections in Ohio; project was featured on regional news outlets including Michigan Public Radio

Bloomberg News | New York

News Intern, Money

January 2026 – April 2026

- Pitched, reported and wrote stories on how people spend, save and invest money for an international audience. Stories include spending and money management trends, AI use in retail investment, and federal policy changes
- Contributed sourcing, research and on-the-ground reporting for projects across newsroom. Stories include crypto investing during Trump administration and New Jersey Transit disruption

The Chicago Sun-Times | Chicago

News Intern, General Assignment

September 2025 – December 2025

- Covered the Trump administration's "Operation Midway Blitz" deportation campaign in Chicago. Wrote stories on ICE raids, resident protests and lawsuits; stories were featured on multiple print front pages
- Wrote both breaking news and enterprise stories on effects of federal government shutdown on Chicago, including the SNAP payment pause and airspace reduction at O'Hare International Airport

The Dallas Morning News | Dallas

News Intern, Local Government

June 2025 – August 2025

- Pitched and wrote daily and feature stories about Collin County, one of fastest-growing regions in country, focusing on housing, infrastructure and local politics
- Collaborated with breaking news desk on coverage of deadly Texas flooding. Contributed to daily main bars using updates from the field and wrote breakouts on historical perspective and aid efforts

The Daily Northwestern | Evanston, Ill.

Reporter, editor, managing editor

September 2022 - May 2025

- Led investigative project into workplace complaints at local cafe, leading to management changes
- Co-led 24-hour coverage of campus encampment against Israel-Hamas War, averaging 20,000 views per day

Medill News Service | Washington

Technology Reporter

September 2023 - December 2023

- Covered U.S. Senate and House, White House and Supreme Court proceedings on deadline. Published stories on tech policy, focusing on semiconductor competition between US and China, AI and social media in national media outlets
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EDUCATION

Northwestern University | Evanston, Ill.

September 2022 – December 2025

B.S. in Journalism and Political Science, minor in Legal Studies, graduated Magna Cum Laude

Awards: Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, Kappa Tau Alpha National Journalism Honor Society

Activities: Research & Communication Assistant, Center for Communication and Public Policy