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EDUCATION

Northwestern University | Evanston, Ill.

September 2022 – present

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

Awards: Dean's List (8/8 quarters), Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society

Courses: Watchdog Journalism, Medill Investigative Lab, Applied Policy Analysis, Constitutional Law, Political Communication

EXPERIENCE

The Dallas Morning News | Dallas

Incoming News Intern

June 2025 – August 2025

Northwestern University Center for Communication and Public Policy | Evanston, Ill.

Research Assistant

August 2024 - present

- Conduct literature review and policy analysis for research projects, including ongoing study on American public sentiment on foreign policy issues regarding China and Russia
- Author briefs about center's research and policymaking implications on artificial intelligence, social media and election
- Organize and coordinate with guest speakers for in-person lectures and conventions

The Daily Northwestern | Evanston, Ill.

Reporter

September 2022 - present

- Pitch, conduct interviews, write 70+ news stories and photograph for paper's campus, city and sports desks
- Led investigative project into mismanagement allegations at local cafe; identified and conducted interviews with sources, examined internal documents and communications to write 3500-word story

Investigations Editor

August 2024 - December 2024

- Oversaw five+ long-form projects. Edited and guided reporters through investigative process from ideation to publication
- Designed and led training session for developing staffers on investigative reporting

Print Managing Editor

March 2024 - June 2024

- Used multi-platform editing skills to prepare five+ stories each weeknight for paper's website and biweekly print papers
- 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
- Tracked news development in Evanston to generate news story ideas; maintained close relationships and regularly met with city stakeholders, including mayor, city council members, business and community organization leaders
- Collaborated with senior editors to launch new initiatives, including a new weekly newsletter for city news coverage

Midstory | Toledo, Ohio

Reporting Intern

June 2024 - August 2024

- Pitched, wrote and published four long-form, solution-oriented features about politics, policy and emerging technology industries 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 lawmakers and industry experts
- 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