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EDUCATION

New York University

Master of Arts in Journalism: Magazine & Digital Storytelling

New York City, NY

September 2024 - December 2025

American University

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government

Washington, D.C.

August 2021 - May 2024

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Eagle

Managing Opinion Editor

Washington, D.C.

January 2022 - May 2024

- Promoted from Assistant Opinion Editor to Managing Opinion Editor in December 2023 at American University's student newspaper.
- Oversaw a team of 15+ columnists and satirists, editing opinion pieces and ensuring high editorial standards.
- Expanded and diversified the Opinion section by developing the Advice and Identities subsections.
- Coordinated op-ed submissions with faculty and student contributors, fostering diverse viewpoints.
- Authored weekly staff editorials representing the Editorial Board's stance on major campus issues.
- Recognized with multiple regional and national awards for editorial and column writing.

The American Prospect

Editorial Intern

Washington, D.C.

September 2023 - January 2024

- Reported on national political issues, producing in-depth 1,000-word reported features.
- Conducted rigorous fact-checking for 3,000-7,000-word print articles to maintain journalistic integrity.
- Managed social media copywriting for a combined audience of over 169,000 across X (Twitter), Facebook, and Instagram.

National Education Association

Editorial Intern

Washington, D.C.

June 2023 - August 2023

- Contributed articles for the organization's three publications, reaching nearly three million union members.
- Utilized statistical analysis tools to create visual data representations with Datawrapper.
- Conducted interviews and wrote profiles highlighting educators' advocacy efforts.

American University

Program Coordinator for Politics, Policy & Law Scholars

Washington, D.C.

June 2022 - May 2024

- Managed a mentorship program connecting students with upperclassmen for academic and career guidance.
- Organized networking events with program alumni to facilitate professional development.
- Created social media content to promote events and engage with the student community.
- Collaborated with faculty to enhance student programming and resources.

FREELANCE WORKS

- **Whitehot Magazine**

Pub. February 2025

“Brooklyn artist Sumin Hwang pulls theory off the page and onto the body”

- **The Nation**

Pub. October 2024

“How High School Voters Can Impact the 2024 Election”

- **Washington City Paper**

Pub. July 2023

“Shakespeare Theatre Company Wants to Make Theater a Place for Everyone”

SKILLS

- WordPress CMS
- AP Style Editing
- IBM SPSS Statistics
- MS Office & Google Workspace
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Datawrapper

AWARDS

- College Media Association Apple Awards Third Place for Best Editorial, November 2024
- Society of Professional Journalists' Region 2 Mark of Excellence Award Finalist for Best General Column Writing, April 2023
- College Media Association Apple Awards Honorable Mention for Best Editorial, March 2023