

Layla Brown-Clark

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Education

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Chicago

MS in Journalism, Magazine Specialization, GPA 3.73/4.00 | August 2024

DePauw University, Greencastle

Bachelor of Arts, English Writing, Studio Art minor, GPA: 3.63/4.00 | May 2023

Media Fellow: Participant in a program for students to gain experience in media theory, 2020-2023

Awards: DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Print Journalism Award (2022) and Chad Kostel Memorial Scholarship (2022)

Journalism Experience

National Mexican Art Museum, Radio Producer, Chicago September 2024 – present

- Reporting and scripting Chicago stories under various beats such as news, arts and culture, etc.
- Capturing audio and interview clips for Lumpen Radio show, Wattz Up! and La Mesita

Chicago Reader, Editorial Intern, Chicago September 2024 – present

- Reporting on human interest stories around the Chicagoland area under arts and culture, city life, music, etc.
- Assisting staff writers and editors with ongoing projects, investigations, proofing, and more

Chicago Public Media, News Desk Intern, Chicago June 2024 – September 2024

- Reported on breaking and enterprise news around the Chicagoland area under variety of beats such as criminal justice, identity, gender issues, and more
- Responsible for updating ongoing issues throughout the day and looking for alternative story coverage around Chicago

Northwestern University Medill School, Medill Reports Journalist, Chicago and Puerto Rico January 2024 – August 2024

- Reported and produced content on various beat topics ranging from arts and culture, entertainment, and food
- Experienced field reporting in the Chicago and San Juan and building rapport with national and international sources

POLITICO, PJI Participant, D.C. and Sacramento May 2023 – June 2023

- Learned about writing, sourcing, data, ethics, editing, and video and audio storytelling from American University professors and top POLITICO staff
- Attended career panels with journalists in industry and toured newsrooms around D.C.

The DePauw, Editor-in-Chief, Entertainment Editor, Managing Editor, Greencastle. May 2021 – May 2023

- Led editorial board in establishing, upholding, and updating, when necessary, *The DePauw* mission, policies, and practices and made executive decisions with writers on stories
- Maintained entertainment content at *The DePauw* Newspaper with music and movie reviews and established column, Layla Abroad

Walter Cronkite Carnegie-Knight News21 Fellowship, Investigative Journalist, Phoenix January 2022 - August 2022

- Researched extensively on topic of police reform and produced articles
- Received field reporting experience with interviewing, reporting, and photography

Other Experience

Layla Illustrates, Artist, Chicago April 2023 – present

- Establishing art brand Layla Illustrates to produce and share fine art and photography content
- Growing experience in a variety of mediums from acrylic and gouache and creating print and digital photographs