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EXPERIENCE

The Daily Texan — *News Editor*

May 2025 - May 2026

Edited news stories about recently implemented higher education laws, free speech changes and immigration enforcement for structure and content. Managed a 22-person team of editors and reporters to produce news stories for a daily online paper and bi-weekly print paper, and coordinate publication's response to breaking news regarding the University of Texas at Austin.

Led project surveying UT-Austin faculty to create multiple data-driven pieces about academic freedom in a changing political climate. Spoke with UT's president for his first and only interview with outside press since he took office over a year prior.

News Reporter

Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2024

Reported on University of Texas at Austin policies and the implementation of anti-DEI laws in higher education.

Produced in-depth breaking news coverage of large-scale pro-Palestinian demonstrations and encampments in April 2024 and the ensuing police response. Continued coverage of UT's free speech policy changes, academic sanctions on protesters and major lawsuits.

The Austin American-Statesman — *News Intern*

June 2025 - August 2025

Produced multiple stories a week on city, business, trending and features desks while pursuing in-depth accountability pieces about the Central Texas floods.

Created and adapted news content for social media such as Instagram and TikTok. Scripted, filmed and edited a video explainer series about recently passed bills from the Texas Legislature.

The Austin Chronicle — *Editorial Intern*

Jan. 2025 - May 2025

Pitched and wrote stories about Austin food, arts and politics. Wrote explainers of pending Texas legislation regarding immigration, sexual education and free speech.

Surfaced city plans to demolish public artwork and covered ongoing efforts to preserve the pieces.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Major: Journalism | Minor: Middle Eastern Studies

AWARDS

Pinnacle College Media Awards 2024: 1st place for [Best Coverage of Faith \(Division I\)](#)

Rene and Jimmy Wisch Scholarship for Outstanding Reporting on the Impact of Politics on Public Policy (\$2,500)

Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Reporter of the Year Competition 2024: 2nd Place