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EXPERIENCE

Daily Herald, Arlington Heights — *Climate reporter*

JUNE 2022 - PRESENT

- I cover climate change in Chicagoland, reporting on global, regional and statewide issues through a local lens. With no one at the publication having previously covered climate change, I've built a source network, gained expertise in climate topics and consistently provided environmental coverage for the paper.
- I write a mix of breaking news and enterprise pieces. My coverage includes general environmental reporting, such as biodiversity, conservation, agricultural and statehouse issues.
- Occasionally contribute to the organization's TikTok, @dailyheraldnews
- Participated in the 2023 DePaul FOIA Fellows program, which provides intensive hands-on training and mentoring for early-career journalists
- Attended the 2023 Society of Environmental Journalists Conference as a Diversity Fellow

Granite State News Collaborative, Manchester — *State government reporter*

JUNE 2021 - MAY 2022

- Focused on racial-justice related statehouse news, including indigenous affairs, police reform and education issues
- Shared my work among nearly 20 New Hampshire news organizations, including the Concord Monitor and NHPR

Chicago Tribune, Chicago — *Statehouse intern*

JANUARY 2021 - MAY 2021

- Reported on the Illinois statehouse and the COVID-19 pandemic from the Tribune's political desk
- Tracked and reported daily COVID-19 data, including vaccination rates, hospitalizations, and new confirmed and probable cases

The Star Ledger, Jersey City — *Reporting intern*

AUGUST 2020 - OCTOBER 2020

- Worked with an investigative journalist on long-form projects covering policing in the state, filing FOIAs, conducting interviews and logging data

SKILLS

Photojournalism
Adobe Audition, Premiere & InDesign
Google Sheets
Social media

AWARDS

First place
technology/medical story
Northern Illinois News
Association 2023 contest

EDUCATION

Marquette University, Milwaukee — *B.A. Journalism*

MAY 2020

- Graduated cum laude
- Minor in Spanish Language and Culture
- Focus in data science
- Managing editor of weekly student newspaper, the Marquette Tribune
- Reporting internships at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service