

Seira Kitagawa

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Education

University of Oregon | Eugene, OR

September 2022 - June 2026

Clark Honors College, Bachelor of Science, Journalism major, Global Studies minor | GPA (3.74)

Work Experience

Intern Reporter, Charles Snowden Excellence in Journalism program, Eugene Weekly

June 2025-August 2025

Catalyst Reporter, Catalyst Journalism Project, Eugene Weekly

January 2026-present

- Wrote and shot photos for 20+ stories from arts, protests, politics, and community-related events in a weekly paper from an alternative angle.
- Published a longer-form narrative about immigration and community as a cover story.

Arts and Culture Writer, Freelance, Oregon Daily Emerald,

September 2024-present

- Pitch, interview and write an article every week on topics focused on dance, theater, and multicultural.
- Written articles were published both online and in print weekly papers, including a cover story.

Resident Assistant, University of Oregon Housing,

September 2023-present

- Welcome and assist 50-90 students in the residence hall each year and facilitate community building and assist when conflict comes up.
- Plan and host community events, create a bulletin board with learning goals, and conduct one-on-one talk time.

Academic Experience

Courses taken

- **Engaged Journalism:** Visited Lincoln County to look into how the community's needs are being met by media.
- Journalism/ Writing; Investigative Journalism, Solution Journalism, Profiles and Narratives.
- Transpacific Asia: History of how the West and Asia developed relationships over time through the Pacific Ocean.

CURE First-Year Research Engagement Award recipient

Summer 2023

- Conducted a research project titled "Communicating the struggles and support for foreign workers in Japan" with support from a mentor professor.
- Presented and won the Asian Studies Award at the Undergraduate Research Symposium in May 2024.

DuckRise Research Fellowship recipient

Winter 2024

- Conducted a case study research titled, "Case Study of Public Relations Campaign at the National Ainu Museum; to Communicate the unvoiced". Presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium in May 2025.

Extracurricular experience

Student leader, Chi Alpha International Fellowship (international college ministry)

Fall 2024-present

- Plan, facilitate, and promote weekly events for international students with a group of 10 to 25 students.
- Connect with each student and build community outside the weekly events.

Vice President of Service/ Outreach, National Residential Hall Honorary

September 2023-June 2025

- Plan, organize, and host a service event for the residents on campus each term.
- Mentor and work with NRHH representatives from each RHA Hall Council.

Volunteer Japanese Teacher, Japanese Language Circle

September 2023-present

- Plan and lead the Japanese Language Circle every Monday for an hour with about 10 to 20 Japanese learners from different levels.

Skills

- Leadership, facilitating, community building, community outreach
- Camera (Panasonic DMC-G6), Adobe Premiere, Photoshop, basic audio and video editing
- Native Japanese, Fluent English, Beginner Spanish