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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Science, Philadelphia, PA

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Candidate for Bachelor of Arts

Major: English and Political Science with a Concentration in Critical Theory and Political Theory

GPA: 3.98/4.0

Honors & Awards: University Scholars Research Program, Marks Writing Center Fellow, Kelly Writers House Universe in Verse Prize, Center for Advanced Study of India Research Award, Turner Schulman Fellowship, New York Times Student Editorial Winner, Scholastic Writing Gold Medal, National Center for Women in Technology National Honorable Mention

WRITING EXPERIENCE

Pulitzer Center South Asia Reporting Fellow | *Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting*, Kolkata, India

May 2024– August 2024

- Awarded a grant from the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting to spend 8 weeks in Kolkata, India reporting on the literary market as a microcosm of political and social changes in India.
- Conducted interviews with booksellers, students, political leaders, professors, and customers, in both English and Bangla.
- Produced a short documentary highlighting the culture of College Street in Kolkata in partnership with local reporting partners
- Wrote a long-form piece, forthcoming for publication, that integrated both fieldwork, historical analysis, and broader contextual research to explain the intricate connection between literature and politics in India, specifically under the current government.

Ego Editor | *34th Street Magazine*, Philadelphia Pennsylvania

January 2023 – May 2023, August 2023 – December 2023

- Oversaw a team of writers by hosting weekly in-person edits, reviewing pitches, and organizing workshops on interviewing techniques
- Expanded profile coverage in our campus arts and culture magazine by revitalizing our weekly “Ego of the Week”, which highlighted the experiences of a senior nominated by their peers, by diversifying profiles and refocusing narratives on shared struggles rather than just success.
- Published faculty and student profiles, culture reviews, and long-form features that were consistently in the top five “Most Read” articles.

Digital Managing Editor | *34th Street Magazine*, Philadelphia Pennsylvania

January 2023 – Present

- Supervised the publication schedule, workflow, and content creation of 9 editors and 30+ writers, publishing at least 11 articles a week.
- Wrote and distributed a newsletter 3 times a week to over 2500 subscribers, bringing in ad revenue.
- Spearheaded website redesign for the first time in a decade, managing design, business, and editorial interests.
- Strategized between copy, design, social media, and editorial teams to maintain audience engagement and expand brand awareness.
- Elected to Executive Board At-Large Position where we decided broader legal and business issues for the company at large.

Marks Writing Fellow | *University of Pennsylvania Marks Writing Center*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 2023 – Present

- Selected in the top 1% of students for the prestigious Marks Writing Fellowship after a professor nomination.
- Tutored peers at the Writing Center on a variety of writing assignments, from freshman-year reflection letters to a senior-year biology thesis. Worked 8 hours a week, receiving 100% positive reviews from over 50 appointments in one semester.
- Assisted with lesson planning, hosted office hours, and led in-class workshops alongside a Critical Writing Seminar professor as a course-embedded tutor for a *Craft of Prose* Writing Seminar class.

Content Design Intern | *AncestryDNA*, Remote

May 2023 – August 2023

- Wrote, designed, researched, and fact-checked the majority of content for Ancestry Pet DNA to communicate complex genetic testing to a lay audience, coordinating with the science, design, and legal teams.
- Collaborated on company-wide content inclusivity guidelines and documentation that were published this summer, moving the guidelines to an interactive online platform.
- Contributed copy to various projects across Ancestry’s platform, which required an in-depth understanding of genetic science as well as audience expectations.
- Led meetings on ethical AI usage and created guidelines for future technological integration used as training materials.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PennMAP Research Assistant | *Computational Social Science Lab*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 2023 – Present

- Conducted research as part of the Media Accountability Project under Dr. Duncan Watts and Dr. David Rothschild to understand the way quotes are utilized in modern mass media, particularly as a potential means of misinformation.
- Contributed to the Economic Indicators project which utilized computational data techniques to understand the framing of economic data in the news.
- Coded around 125 articles a week from the New York Times, Washington Post, WSJ, Fox News, and Huffington Post.
- Presented research at a lab-wide conference and University Scholar lunch.
- Constructed the website for the IC2S2 Conference as the sole designer of all backend and frontend code.

Fox Fellowship Intern | *Child USA*, Philadelphia Pennsylvania

January 2023 – May 2023

- Analyzed the impact of Statue of Limitations (SOL) revival windows in New Jersey and California in various reports by gathering data from court archives and public records.
- Visualized the data utilizing R to create a map of SOL cases as a percentage of the population.
- Conducted scientific, legal, and public policy research to write an extensive background on childhood psychotropic prescription exploitation in foster care, the first on the topic at Child USA.

SKILLS

Technical: R, Java, Python, Web Development (HTML, CSS, Bootstrap), Graphic Design (Photoshop, Canva), Videography and Editing, Writing

Languages: English, German, Bangla