

# DENIS AKBARI

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## **EDUCATION**

University of California, Berkeley

Expected May 2025

**Master of Science in Journalism; Concentration in Video Journalism**

*Organizations: SPJ, AAJA, Brown Girls Doc Mafia, Women in Media, Photo Club*

California State University, Los Angeles

August 2020-May 2023

**Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems; Minor in Journalism**

*Concentration in Information Technology; Summa Cum Laude and Honors College*

## **EXPERIENCE**

PBS SoCal - Burbank, CA

June 2024-Present

**Digital Media Intern**

- Managing various forms of media and migrating streaming video assets and metadata
- Producing shorts and clips for YouTube & performing YouTube analytics
- Generating YouTube thumbnails using Photoshop

Headfirst Arts & Media - Berkeley, CA

May 2024-Present

**Video Editor**

- Editing documentary short films while integrating animation into documentary storytelling

Restorative Justice Center - Berkeley, CA

September 2023-Present

**Restorative Justice Student Leader**

- Facilitating conversations to build intentional communities based on shared values and agreements
- Developing community-based strategies for responding to conflict and harm

ABC7 News Bay Area - San Francisco, CA

September 2023-May 2024

**NextGen Advisory Council Member**

- Participated in ABC7's news coverage and informed the wider Bay Area on issues affecting local communities
- Contributed to story development and took action towards advocating for resolutions and social change

Green Umbrella Films - San Francisco, CA

September 2023-May 2024

**Production Assistant Intern**

- Compiled production expenses and assisted with pre-production call sheets and schedules
- Helped editor with post-production tasks like pulling scene selects and created short assemblies

University Times - Los Angeles, CA

January 2022-May 2023

**Community News Editor-in-Chief**

- Provided suggestions for edits and line edited following AP style
- Ensured all information in stories has adequately been fact-checked

**Digital Editor**

- Oversaw web content and published stories on the website
- Cooperated with production manager and multimedia editor to improve content strategy

**Reporter**

**Intern Reporter**

Cal State LA Housing & Residence Life - Los Angeles, CA

August 2021-May 2023

**Resident Assistant**

American Marketing Association - Los Angeles, CA

August 2021-November 2022

**Website Manager**

**Social Media Manager**

## **SKILLS & STRENGTHS**

- Programming Languages/Software: Java, HTML, CSS, Tableau, SPSS, PHP
- Adobe: Premiere Pro, Audition, Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign, Illustrator, Character Animator; Photo Mechanic
- Google Suite: Docs, Sheets, Forms, Drive, Slides; MS Office: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Teams
- Languages: bilingual in English and Italian, conversational Azeri Turkish