



Portfolio Website

# Ziyue “Grace” Xue

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## EDUCATION

### Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism

*Master of Science in Journalism*

- Louise Luk Sions and Harry Slo Scholarship recipient, GPA: 3.93 / 4.0

**Chicago**  
August 2024

### Macalester College

*Bachelor of Arts in Media and Cultural Studies*

- Geology Minor, Honors Program, Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 3.97 / 4.0

**St. Paul, Minn.**  
May 2023

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Los Angeles Times

*Features Summer Intern*

- Pitch and cover lifestyle, arts, culture, food and points-of-interest stories with an emphasis on the Asian community.
- Take photos for assignments and produce and edit short videos for the L.A. Times’ editorial and social platforms.

**Los Angeles, Calif.**  
June 2024 – Present

### Star Tribune

*Features Reporting Intern*

- Wrote 11 cover-page features (five pitched, six assigned) and two magazine stories in 10 weeks with an emphasis on lifestyle, art and minority communities.
- Proposed news products for young readers and collaborated with other interns to deliver a written report and presentation to CEO, newsroom managers and board members on “Connecting Emerging News Consumers with the Star Tribune.”

**Minneapolis, Minn.**  
July 2023 – September 2023

### The Mac Weekly

*Features Staff Writer*

- Pitched and wrote human interest stories and profile features for the 2,000+ student body, emphasizing BIPOC students’ and international students’ perspectives.
- Published three long features on the front page within one semester.

**St. Paul, Minn.**  
September 2022 – April 2023

### Chinese University of Hong Kong, Summer Undergraduate Research Program

*Research Assistant, Journalistic Sourcing in Chinese Media*

- Used Excel to build and maintain large databases of people who appeared in Chinese news since 2012.
- Designed original research plans and wrote academic reports about journalistic sourcing and tech leaders in China based on the quantitative and qualitative analysis of large databases and literature reviews.
- Presented academic research for a public audience and won the “Best Presentation Award” out of 33 research projects.

**Hong Kong**  
June 2022 – August 2022

### Weber Shandwick

*Public Relations Freelancer*

*Public Relations Intern*

- Won MongoDB as a return customer with PR work for its China Media Roundtable; drafted briefing books, media invitations, reports, and interview questions, resulting in 12 articles from influential journalists and 150+ reprints.
- Wrote coverage reports, gathered information from the press and conducted PR reviews of interview questions and news article drafts for major clients such as IBM.
- Monitored the news and generated daily reports for Micron on itself, its competitors and the semi-conductor industry.
- Conducted product and marketing research for the Otis Elevator Co. and advised on its localization in China.

**Beijing, China**  
July 2021 – August 2022  
September 2020 – February 2021

## AWARDS

- Media and Cultural Studies Prize for Academic Excellence (Macalester College)
- First Place of Annual Audio Fest Competition (Macalester College)
- Nominated for Gateway Prize for Excellent Writing (Macalester College)

May 2023  
March 2023  
March 2023

## OTHERS

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (Native), Japanese (N3)

**Skills:** Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Lightroom, Excel PivotTable, HTML, CSS, jQuery, Flourish Data Visualization, OpenRefine, Documentary Production, Podcast Production, Photography

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## REFERENCES

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