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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Independent Florida Alligator | Opinions Editor, Columnist, Contributing Photographer

June 2016 – December 2020

- Crafted hard-hitting editorials and solicited guest columns for one of the largest student-run newspapers in the country, publishing a total of 52 opinion pieces over the course of four months.
- After the publication of critical columns, the University of Florida adjusted its COVID-19 testing approach to offer weekly testing and removed victim-blaming language in its timely warnings after sexual assaults.
- Investigated UF's student government through watchdog opinion columns, exposing a senator's fake resume line through public records requests and probing a \$68,000 two-ply toilet paper expenditure.

The Gainesville Sun | Opinion Contributor

May 2019 – August 2020

- Wrote about issues including the need for comprehensive diversity education, the problematic usage of the phrase "Chinese Coronavirus" and how UF perpetuated misinformation while targeting student protesters (UF apologized after publication).

WUFT News | Reporter

August 2019 – December 2019

- Covered the local government and business beats, writing about everything from joint city-county commission meetings to the groundbreaking of Wawa's first non-gas station location in Florida.

University of Florida Student Government | Presidential Candidate, Minority Party Leader, Senator

September 2016 – August 2020

- Fought for the restoration of UF's Korean Language Program, funding for 12 additional mental health counselors, free menstrual hygiene products, increased food bank support and \$500,000 in rent relief.

FREELANCE WORK

- The New York Times:
 - Why We're Impeaching Our Student Body President Over Trump Jr.
 - Faculty Member Shoves Black Graduates Offstage, and the University of Florida Apologizes
- The Guardian: Pandemic primary: why I volunteered at a polling station despite coronavirus
- Sparks Magazine: Remembering Vincent Chin in the age of Ahmaud Arbery and Black Lives Matter

AFFILIATIONS & OTHER POSITIONS

- Asian American Journalists Association, UF Chapter President
- National Press Photographers Association, Member
- UF College of Journalism and Communications Diversity Task Force, Member
- UF Honors Program, Admissions Reader

AWARDS & HONORS

2019 University of Florida | Truman Scholarship Nominee

2017 Mensa Education and Research Foundation | Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship

2016 Quill and Scroll Foundation | George and Ophelia Gallup Memorial Scholarship Co-Recipient

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

B.A. in Political Science & B.S. in Journalism, December 2020

Minor in Public Leadership, December 2020