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EXPERIENCE

BLOOMBERG LAW – WASHINGTON D.C. (Virtual)

MAY 2021 – JULY 2021

Corporate Desk News Intern

- Focused on insurance, leading coverage on federal appellate court challenges to COVID-19 business interruption disputes. Wrote solo stories on Biden administration concerns with railroad consolidation and insurance mergers. Helped with Day 2 follow-ups on breaking news surrounding attempted break-ups of Big Tech
- Contributed 24 bylines in 10 weeks, with solo bylines in newsletters on insurance, transportation and anti-trust
- Turned around quick dailies on legal opinions and complaints, becoming familiar with legal jargon and navigating court dockets. Attended Federal Trade Commission meetings and Senate hearings

CHICAGO TRIBUNE – CHICAGO, IL (Virtual)

JUNE 2020 – AUGUST 2020

Metro Desk News Intern

- Applied knowledge of higher education to fill in on the Tribune's short-staffed education desk. Reported on Illinois Chicago Public Schools and higher education reopening plans as well as concerns over in-person standardized testing
- Contributed 45 bylines in 9 weeks, with 7 bylines on Page One and 10 in the Tribune subscriber newsletter
- Wrote breaking news briefs on crime, accidents and weather, gaining experience in contacting local authorities such as the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, Cook County medical examiner's office and Illinois State Police
- Selected for internship at the Tribune as part of the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy Institute, a training and internship program for collegiate journalists at the University of Notre Dame

MICHIGAN DAILY – ANN ARBOR, MI

OCT 2018 – PRESENT

2021 Editor-in-Chief

- Served as the first woman-of-color leader of a 450-person newsroom, managing day-to-day logistics, approving all content and coordinating long-term goals. Main accomplishments include: launching a new website, approving a corrections policy, rethinking print strategy, analyzing payroll and forbidding participation in secret societies
- Planned, assigned and edited articles, with a focus on overseeing the campus life beat. Main jurisdiction areas during COVID-19 included opposition to increased policing to manage student behavior, resident adviser and dining hall workers strike, quarantine conditions, testing and contact tracing, student mental health and Greek life
- Wrote 120+ articles on issues such as campus sexual assault policy, tuition increases and fraternity policy violations. Article on students going to bars in mid-March 2020 won a SPJ College Coronavirus Coverage award. Won 3 awards from Michigan Press Association, including 3rd place for Best Writer
- Formalized Access and Inclusion as a section, produced report on newsroom demographics, drafted practical & ethical guidelines for covering protests and created a required workshop for all newsroom staff on news sensitivity

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – ANN ARBOR, MI

MAY 2022 (*expected graduation*)

College of Literature, Science and the Arts, GPA: 3.99/4.00

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Relevant Courses: Journalism in a Digital Age, The Mass Media, American Political Thought, Practices of American Culture

JOURNALISM, ETHICS AND DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE

MAY 2020 – AUGUST 2020

One of 9 students selected from a national pool of applicants for the inaugural class of the Institute, an 10-week professional development program directed by the University of Notre Dame journalism program

- Attended a summer-long series of training sessions on ethical issues in digital journalism and held a full-time internship at the Chicago Tribune. All participation was virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

Asian American Journalists Association / Member / Jan 2020 – Present

Society of Professional Journalists / Member / April 2020 – Present

Beta Alpha Rho Pre-Law and Public Service Fraternity / Member / Oct 2019 – Present

Ecological Neuroscience Lab / Research Assistant / May 2019 – August 2019