

# Erin X. Wong

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism**, New York, N.Y.      Graduated May 2022

- Master of Science, Stabile Investigative Fellow, focus on supply chains and climate change, with coursework in data journalism, international reporting and cross-border investigations.
- Covered labor at the Port of New York and New Jersey, including seafarers, dock workers, port drivers and the Coast Guard. Wrote features on forest conservation in Kenya and East Africa's first electric railway.
- Master's project: 6,000-word investigation on the role of retailers in maritime supply chain due diligence.

**Barnard College**, New York, N.Y.      Graduated May 2017

Bachelor of Arts in urban studies, sustainable development concentration, *Magna Cum Laude*. Honors thesis: An on-the-ground study featuring residents of Baishizhou, an urban village in Shenzhen, China, amid ongoing demolitions and redevelopment. Semester abroad focused on climate change in Vietnam, Morocco and Bolivia.

## EXPERIENCE

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**Editorial Intern, *Bloomberg***, New York, N.Y.      Starting Sept. 2022

**Data Reporting Intern, *Rest of World***, New York, N.Y.      June 2022—Present

- Reporting a long-term project on technology independence vs. interdependence between states, including East Asia's comparative advantage in semiconductor and battery supply chains.

**Editorial Intern, *Seattle Metropolitan***, Seattle, Wash.      Oct. 2020—May 2021

- Pitched, reported and wrote weekly stories. Highlights include 800-word stories on Washington's environmental justice law, BIPOC farmers and activists, and second-generation immigrants in Chinatown.
- Contributed twice to the print magazine, including a two-page feature on high-intensity exercise.

**During the Covid-19 pandemic:** Moved back to the U.S. in March 2020.      April—Oct. 2020

Worked part-time as a barista. Wrote fiction, with one short story published in the *Scarlett Leaf Review*. Invited to speak on climate fiction at the University of Minnesota in March 2021. Reported on the first 10 years of a public-private deal to close Washington's only coal plant, published in *Post Alley*.

**International Outreach, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs**, Beijing, China      July 2018—Feb. 2020

- Worked with American and European brands to identify pollution among their suppliers in China.
- Co-researched and published exposés on public health risks posed by suppliers of Starbucks, McDonald's and companies linked to the 2019 chemical explosion in Jiangsu Province.
- Wrote reports on supply chain and carbon emissions transparency by Apple, Nike, PUMA and other brands.

**Research Fellow, Natural Resources Defense Council**, Beijing, China      July 2017—July 2018

- Wrote articles on carbon emissions and pollution from rural "dispersed" coal, used for household heating.
- Edited and translated weekly newsletters on Chinese environmental policy.

## SKILLS

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**Digital Skills:** Python; Excel; Adobe Lightroom and Audition; Audacity; WordPress; Wix; Squarespace; Canva.

**Investigative Techniques:** Panjiva; Equasis; FOIA; LexisNexis; OpenCorporates; PACER; Bloomberg Terminal; Google search tools; EDGAR; vLex; Westlaw; Bloomberg Law; Orbis; Spokeo; Factiva; Offshore Leaks Database.

**Social media:** Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram. **Languages:** Proficient Mandarin Chinese. **Other:** Film photography. Dual citizen US/Canada. Co-produced Environment China bilingual podcast, July 2017—Dec. 2019.

**Affiliations:** Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE); Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA).

## REFERENCES

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