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EDUCATION

University of Chicago,
Class of 2023
Major in Economics and
Political Science
GPA: 3.87/4.0

SKILLS

Data Analysis and
Visualization, Statistical
Modeling, Web-Scraping;
Proficient in R, Tableau,
Google Sheets, Excel

LANGUAGE

Mandarin (native)

CERTIFICATES

Bloomberg Market
Concepts,
Wiki Scholar 2021,
Business Data Analytics
Nanodegree,
AAJA Digital Reporting
Intensive

ORGANIZATIONS & PROJECTS

POLITICO Journalism
Institute 2022

Vox Media Writers
Workshop 2022

**Asian American
Journalists Association
(AAJA)** Voices Fellow
AAJA Chicago
Communications Director

**Investigative Reporters &
Editors** Jennifer Leonard
Scholarship

Chicago Headline Club
Les Brownlee Scholarship

The Gate at UChicago,
David Axelrod Reporting
Grant: "Chinatown: A
Divided Growth Agenda"

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C. – June 2022 to August 2022

Business Reporting Intern

- Cover national and business breaking news, including daily market briefings and stories about crypto, retail and economy, and develop an expert source network
- Pitched enterprise story about RadioShack's crypto pivot and data leak from China's police database, which filled in uncovered gaps at The Post
- Collaborate across the newsroom for live feed on national and international headlines such as job reports and war in Ukraine

USA TODAY, Remote – March 2022 to June 2022

Graphics & Interactives Intern

- Pitched, reported and developed interactive graphics for the network's Russia-Ukraine conflict and COVID-19 coverage with an international focus
- Led the production of visual explainers about China's COVID-19 lockdown; Cleaned two-year case data using R and made visualizations with Infogram
- Broke the news of leaked data on China's Uyghur detention system and contextualized the impact with scraped data from China's government website

NBC 5 Chicago, Chicago, IL – September 2021 to December 2021

NBCUniversal Local Station Intern, NBC 5 Responds & Investigates

- Published a searchable database of millions of data breach incidents from 2019 obtained from FOIA; arranged interviews through Quickbase sourcing
- Filed FOIA request related to land bank loans; took the lead on tidying thousands of FOIA materials related to data breaches and utility bills
- Participated in on-air interviews; wrote web versions of TV stories

Chicago Maroon, Chicago, IL – January 2020 to Present

Managing Editor (February 2022 to Present)

- Oversee the operation of a student newsroom with 200+ active members and five editorial sections; produce weekly print issues and magazines
- Write 10+ editorials as part of the board; broke multiple news involving public safety and university administration, which was cited by national outlets
- Co-founded the paper's first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative, which independently reviews the editorial decision-making and writing with a DEI focus; created a reporting guide with reference points on 15 beats

RADII China, Shanghai, CHN – August 2021 to October 2021

Editorial Intern

- Wrote daily drips about Chinese youth culture at an English news startup
- Wrote a digital life feature through interviewing content creators in Mandarin
- Researched, planned, and wrote scripts for RADII's one-minute video series introducing Chinese culinary culture to the world

Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, NC – June 2021 to August 2021

Metro Intern

- Published 30 breaking, daily and enterprise stories with a focus on local retail and development in Charlotte and the Carolinas, as well as human-interest features and investigative pieces that focus on politics and culture
- Exclusively Investigated fiber-optic company's construction damage to utility infrastructure through combining public records and interviews with residents and companies; also investigated NC school development on abandoned slave graveyard in a rural town with limited access to internet and signal
- Pitched and contextualized COVID-19 impact on routine vaccinations with data obtained from public record requests and visualization tools

South Side Weekly, Chicago, IL – January 2020 to Present

Staff Writer & Fact Checker

- Cover local news with a focus on accountability reporting; made FOIA and public record requests for COVID-19 vaccination series
- Wrote feature story on AAPI community's reaction to anti-Asian hate and contextualized long-standing policing tension within community
- Fact-check stories with extensive internet research and data validation across various topics including healthcare and public safety