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EDUCATION

Harvard University May 2024
B.A. History
Asian American Dance Troupe;
Roosevelt Scholarship for FGLI
Students

RECOGNITION

**New York Times Student Journalism
Institute 2021**
Youngest selected in two cohorts.

POLITICO Journalism Institute 2023

AAJA ·
**2021 Student Excellence in Written
Reporting Award**

**Overseas Press Club Foundation
2023 Scholar**

Associated Collegiate Press ·
**1st Place – Story of the Year in
Climate Change Reporting**

SPJ New England ·
**Mark of Excellence Awards –
Finalist in In-Depth News Reporting
(x2)**

ProPublica · **Diversity Scholarship**

Longreads · **Editor's Pick**

Ida B. Wells Society ·
IRE Conference Scholarship

Reporting cited by:
NYT, WaPo, Axios, CNN, UPI, VICE,
Boston.com, The Lily, NBCU
Academy, Nieman Lab, IRE Local
Matters, Poynter Institute, American
Press Institute, Pew Research
Center, Muckrack, and major outlets
in South Korea.

SKILLS

SOCIAL MEDIA: Echobox, Hootsuite,
Mailchimp

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS:
Google Analytics, Parse.ly, Chartbeat

INTERESTS: Art and Architecture,
Historically-informed Journalism,
State Politics, Enterprise Reporting

EMPLOYMENT

Wall Street Journal
Politics Reporting Intern

- Covering the U.S. Senate on the Journal's Capitol Hill team, with a focus on the debt-ceiling crisis.

Washington, D.C.
June 2023 to Present

The Boston Globe
Politics Reporting Intern

- Pitched Page A1 features and dailies on [campaigns](#) and high-priority [bills](#) as the Mass. legislative session came to a close. Built a voter's guide in advance of the September primary.
- Published an above-the-fold [enterprise story](#) demonstrating that state casino regulators are not thoroughly tracking the prevalence of people with gambling problems, while the state has pushed to expand the gaming industry.
- Continue to string primary and general election breaking news on the governor's race.

Boston, Mass.
June 2022 to Sept. 2022

The Harvard Crimson
News Executive & Audience Engagement Editor

- [Discovered](#) over 10,000 internal Harvard governance documents. Lead a team to publish an investigative follow-up package.
- Led the Metro Desk; edits Boston-Cambridge daily coverage and investigations; advises a team of over a dozen reporters.
- Directed The Crimson's digital strategy, administering an annual readership survey. Oversees hitting newsletter, social media, and website KPI targets.

Cambridge, Mass.
Jan. 2022 to Jan. 2023

News & Magazine Senior Reporter, Photographer

- Wrote The Crimson's most-read article last year: a yearlong [investigation](#) into the previously forgotten historical KKK presence on campus, which was then covered by the [Washington Post](#) and won awards from AAJA and SPJ.
- Led half- to full-year [investigative projects](#) that led to administrative changes. Covered city politics and the administration of Harvard's engineering school, publishing 130+ articles and photos.
- Invited to speak about my investigations at IRE 2022, Harvard reunions, and Brown University.
- Produced the only [piece](#) of foreign correspondence for The Crimson in recent history: a widely-cited eight-article series on an international controversy sparked by a Harvard Law professor.
- Spearheaded a [feature](#) on campus flooding concerns that won best 2021 climate story from the ACP.
- Photographed Cornel West in a [series](#) that became the cover image for The Crimson's magazine.

Sept. 2019 to Dec. 2021

Social Media Director & Newsletter Editor

- Created and edited a newsletter team that revamped newsletters with tens of thousands of subscribers. Newsletters saw above-industry-average click and open rates in 2021.
- Managed The Crimson's social media (150,000+ total followers), including a strategic expansion to TikTok and LinkedIn platforms.

Jan. 2021 to Dec. 2021

Rappler
Newsbreak Investigative Team Member

- Researched labor abuses against Filipino seafarers and how sex trafficking changed amid Covid-19.

Seoul, South Korea
July 2020 to Sept. 2020

Asian American Journalists Association
Voices Fellow – Investigations Reporting Team

- Crafted an original survey of diversity and pay at top college newsrooms for a [report](#) confirming inequity issues that plague award-winning student newspapers nationally. Republished by Nieman Lab and NBCU Academy.

Remote
June 2021 to Aug. 2021

Harvard Institute of Politics
Chief of Staff, Fellows & Study Groups

- Supervised Wall Street Journal Washington bureau chief Jerry Seib's study group: "Political Parties in the Age of Disruption," with guests including Marty Baron and Chuck Todd.

Cambridge, Mass.
Jan. 2022 to May 2022