

# MENGYUAN DONG

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## EXPERIENCE

### Reporting Intern, *Bay City News*

May 2022 - Feb. 2023 | Berkeley, CA

I started as a summer intern and got rehired through the Google News Initiative Fellowship.

Published several features and more than 30 daily news stories, including arts events, election updates, housing plans and environmental issues in the Bay Area. [Stories](#) got cross-posted by The Mercury News, SF Gate, NBC Bay Area and other news outlets.

### OSINT Investigator, *Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley*

Sept. 2022 - Dec. 2022 | Berkeley, CA

Worked on the global [Digital Verification Corps](#) team to seek and identify social media videos of police brutality against protesters.

Used open source investigation skills such as advanced searching and geolocation (Google Earth) to analyze and verify content.

### Content Analyst Intern, *ByteDance*

May 2021 - Aug. 2021 | Beijing, China

Conducted data analysis of news trends and social media sentiment for the company's global products, including TikTok. Made charts and infographics to visualize the trends, and wrote weekly and monthly content analysis reports.

Designed templates for the weekly analysis reports and created social media data analysis guides for the team.

### Health & Environmental Reporting Intern, *Southern Weekly*

Sept. 2020 - May 2021 | Beijing, China

Pitched and wrote features on health and environmental issues, including the growing demand for palliative care for older adults, lack of mental health services in colleges and COVID-19 updates.

Investigated how China's ban on waste imports impacted the global waste trade. It was the week's most popular story, with more than 100 thousand clicks.

### Data Journalism Intern, *Caixin Media*

Feb. 2020 - July 2020 | Beijing, China

Pitched and produced data stories on various topics, including child trafficking in China, and how COVID-19 impacted different communities. An interactive data project on COVID-19 deaths I contributed to was named [Sigma Awards 2021 Shortlist](#).

Cleaned, analyzed data and created visualizations for projects using Excel, Google Sheets, Illustrator and Tableau.

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

Fall 2021 - Spring 2023 | Berkeley, CA

M.J., Data Journalism/Narrative Writing

**Courses:** Coding (Python & R & HTML), Data Visualization, Machine Learning, Health & Environmental Reporting, Magazine Writing

### University of Texas, Austin

Fall 2017 - Fall 2019 | Austin, TX

B.J., Journalism

**Courses:** Local News Reporting, Elements of Databases, Graphic Design

### Sichuan University

Fall 2015 - Spring 2017 | Chengdu, China

B.A., Communication

## SKILLS

**Data Analysis:** Python (Pandas, Beautiful Soup, Numpy, Scikit-learn), R (Tidyverse, ggplot), Google Sheets, basic SQL

**Development:** HTML, CSS, basic JavaScript, Git and Github, Command Line

**Design:** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, DataWrapper, Tableau, QGIS, Mapbox, Figma

**Video Editing & Animation:** Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects

**Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native)

## HONORS

### Google News Initiative Fellowship

2022 | Berkeley, CA

### Sigma Awards 2021 Shortlist

2021 | Beijing, China

### Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship, *University of Texas at Austin*

2019 | Austin, TX