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EDUCATION

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Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill

September 2019 - December 2023

B.S. in History & International Studies, minors in Political Science & Anthropology

GPA: 3.75/4.00

Northwestern Qatar Campus, Doha, Qatar, Middle Eastern History and Politics

August 2021 - January 2022

WRITING & EDITING EXPERIENCE

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In These Times, Chicago, Ill

June 2023 - September 2023

Editorial Intern

- research, fact-check, and proofread for *In These Times*'s magazine and website

- pitch and write timely articles on recent events such as environmental issues and labor movements

NU Asian Magazine, Evanston, Ill

Fall 2022 - June 2023

Editor and Writer

- Assembled 20+ writers' pitches, spearheaded directions for reporting, fact-checked and copy-edited stories

- Wrote a cover story about the Greek system's historical exclusion of Asian students; conducted archival research for reporting

Block Club Chicago, Chicago, Ill

September 2022 - December 2022

Reporting Intern

- Reported on Chicago's daily neighborhood news and urban initiatives through AAJA's Linda Yu Scholarship

- Pitched and produced three stories about Chicago's environmental issues, such as environmental justice and ecological restoration

The Baffler, Minnesota Reformer, Various locations

July 2021 - present

Freelance writer

- Research and write stories on social movements for various publications, such as the aftermath of the 2020 BLM movement

The Daily Northwestern, Evanston, Ill

September 2018 - June 2022

Assistant City Editor

- Reported on Evanston's urban initiatives, writing over 30 stories about city politics and local government

- Collaborated with Field Museum on feature articles; stories appeared on the museum website and Smithsonian magazine

Thomsons Reuters, Beijing, China

January 2021 - April 2021

Breaking News Intern

- Wrote quick snaps about China's economic update on Refinitiv Eikon terminal

- Monitored and filtered breaking news on China's monetary policy and foreign affairs

Sixth Tone, Shanghai, China

June 2020 - October 2020

Reporting Intern

- Pitched and wrote about 50 daily news stories on topics such as social media trends and pandemic response

- Wrote profiles and feature articles on topics including urban renewal, queer culture, and labor issues; multiple news articles appeared in citations for labor rights and LGBTQ rights report

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Northwestern University History Department, Evanston, Ill

June 2022 - June 2023

Leopold Fellow

- Conducted archival research under the supervision of Prof. Ajay Mehrotra on the U.S. resistance against Value-Added Tax

Northwestern University, Remote

June 2022 - September 2022

Undergraduate Summer Research Grant Recipient

- Conducted independent research on labor organizing among China's food delivery workers; interviewed 10+ workers, researchers, and labor advocates to gather data and insights

AWARDS & SKILLS

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Awards: Best of Medill award winner in magazine category ('21); The Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) award finalist in breaking news category ('22); NLGJA's award winner in Excellence in International Coverage ('22)

Language: Chinese (native), Arabic (intermediate)

Technology: Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, WordPress, Google & Microsoft, Office Suite, Sony Camera