

MEHER BHATIA

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EDUCATION

Cornell University Ithaca, NY

2020-2024

B.S. Communication | B.S. Environment & Sustainability

Minors: International Relations, Climate Change, Science Communication (GPA: 3.751)

Professional Affiliations: South Asian Journalists Association (SAJA), Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), United Nations Association (UNA-USA)

AUDIO JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Senior Student Producer

MAY 2023- PRESENT

Cornell Mui Ho Center For Cities

Ithaca, NY

- Working closely with the Center Director to build a podcast from the ground-up including developing topics, assembling scripts, managing and training junior production staff
- Leading all podcast production and post-production tasks from field-recording, reviewing tape, mixing, and uploading final episodes with Protools software

Podcast Creator, Senior Producer, Co-Host

MAR 2023- PRESENT

The Sun Room

Ithaca, NY

- Co-hosting "The Sun Room," a Cornell Daily Sun-affiliated podcast covering a range of stories about Cornell's campus & students
- Independently performing all critical post-production responsibilities including cutting raw tape, scoring, adding additional audio clips, and mixing in ProTools software
- Coordinating and setting up interviews with students, faculty, and Ithaca city officials

The New Yorker Radio Hour Audio Producer Intern

SEPT 2022-MAY 2023

The New Yorker & WNYC

Remote

- Assisting with researching, pitching, writing preps, and recording two-way interviews/features for the weekly podcast and broadcast radio show
- Working closely with *Radio Hour* producers to listen, log, and cut tape for final segments in Descript and Protools software
- Performing critical production and administrative duties in order to make sure the radio show runs as smoothly as possible

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial/Podcast Intern

JUNE 2023-PRESENT

The Conversation U.S.

Remote

- Working closely with both senior editors and academic experts to thoroughly edit and fact-check journalistic articles
- Commissioning and editing stories by scholars to produce informative and enlightening journalism for the general public that explores the deeper issues behind news headlines
- Working with audio producers to pitch, write, record, and produce episodes for *The Conversation Weekly* from start to finish using Reaper and Descript software

Writing Fellow

MAY 2023-PRESENT

The Nation

Remote

- Selected to complete an eight month-long fellowship that involves pitching, reporting, and writing long-form enterprise journalism articles with a beat focus on climate change and U.S. climate policy

Writer and Editor

NOV 2022-PRESENT

The Yappie

Remote

- Producing high-impact coverage on climate/health policy, immigration, and midterm elections through an Asian American Pacific Islander racial & cultural lens
- Editing articles, alerts and newsletters to inform readers about the latest headlines in AAPI politics

Science Editor (Formerly: Senior Staff Writer)

AUG 2021-PRESENT

The Cornell Daily Sun

Ithaca, NY

- Managing section of 15-20 writers and publishing science-related news stories 3-4 times a week in addition to promoting said stories via social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram)
- Pitching, researching, writing, and editing articles ranging from science-related features to breaking news coverage
- Covering the climate change and sustainability beat across Cornell and Ithaca communities

SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Hindi, Punjabi, French (intermediate)

Design, Graphics, & Journalism: ProTools, Hindenburg, Reaper, Adobe InDesign, WordPress, Drupal CMS, Descript, Canva, Figma, AP Style, Fact-Checking

Other: Microsoft Office Suite, G Suite, Final Cut Pro, iMovie, social media promotion