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EDUCATION

Northwestern University *Evanston, IL. Anticipated June 2025*
Bachelor of Science in **Journalism and Gender + Sexuality Studies** | Minor: **Data Science**
Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00
Relevant Coursework: Multimedia Storytelling, Data Visualization, Data Science with R, Environmental Reporting, Covering Asian American Stories, Media Law + Ethics

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Seattle Times, Features Intern *Seattle, WA. June 2023 — Present*

- Report + write 2-3 articles each week, covering equity in the arts, the outdoors, food + music
- Successfully pitch stories on topics like diversity initiatives at local craft fairs + Black oral history projects
- Cover some of Seattle's biggest summer events: MLB All-Star Week, large music festivals

The Daily Northwestern *Evanston, IL. Oct. 2021 — May 2023*
Print Managing Editor *Mar. 2023 — May 2023*

- Edited content from campus, city, arts/entertainment, sports + opinion desks 4 nights a week
- Guided editorial decisions regarding anonymous sourcing, breaking news + investigative reporting

City Editor *Dec. 2022 — Mar. 2023*

- Oversaw + edited all coverage of the City of Evanston, including 11 different beats
- Led staff of 30+ reporters
- Managed story budget to produce at least 3-4 stories a night, 5 nights a week
- Developed 2023 municipal election guide with profiles on 15 City Council, Board of Education candidates

Development and Recruitment Editor *Sept. 2022 — Dec. 2022*

- Recruited + trained more than 50 new staff members to create print + digital content

Formerly: Assistant City Editor, Education + Public Health Beat Reporter, General Assignment Reporter

District Fray Magazine, Editorial Fellow *Washington, D.C. June 2022 — Sept. 2022*

- Pitched, reported + wrote about 2 articles weekly about D.C. arts + entertainment
 - Covered theatre, music, fine arts, literature, sports
- Fact-checked + copy edited stories for entire monthly print magazine
- Chose headlines + focus keywords for search engine optimization when uploading magazine to WordPress

Metro Weekly, Freelance Reporter *Washington, D.C. Aug. 2022 — Jan. 2023*

- Wrote 2-4 pieces a week on D.C., national + international LGBTQ news

Northwestern University Archives, Social Media Aide *Evanston, IL. Nov. 2021 — Dec. 2022*

- Drove traffic to University Archives by increasing Instagram + Twitter presence, boosting engagement
- Conducted archival research + wrote 2-3 posts weekly on topics from research to student activism

SKILLS

Data Science: R, Quarto

Other Computer Skills: Adobe Creative Cloud (including InDesign, Audition, Premiere Pro), WordPress, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace

Language: Intermediate Spanish

AWARDS + ORGANIZATIONS

Best In-Depth Reporting from Society of Professional Journalists, Mark of Excellence Awards 2022: Recognized for investigation into mental health care facility abusing residents. (Large school, Illinois/Indiana/Kentucky category)

3rd Place In-Depth Reporting from Illinois College Press Association 2023: Recognized for same investigative story

Member of Asian American Journalists Association, Trans Journalists Association