

Annie Ma

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Education

Dartmouth College, 2017
Major: Government
Minor: Quantitative
Social Science

Skills

R, Python, Java and SQL
ARCGis, spatial analysis
Data cleaning, wrangling
and reshaping, web
scraping, advanced
statistical modeling
using Stata, R and
Python
Mandarin and French,
limited working
proficiency

Affiliations

Asian American
Journalists
Association, DC
Chapter Vice
President of Student
Outreach
Investigative Reporters
and Editors,
Conference Planning
Committee
Education Writers
Association, New to
the Beat 2019

Journalism Experience

The Associated Press; Washington, D.C.. — March 2021-Present

Race and Ethnicity Reporter

- Covering education for AP's national race and ethnicity team, with a focus on student-centered stories and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on families
- Reported stories from local communities that resonate nationally, including pieces on student-led activism against campus police in North Carolina and the lingering impact of New York City's digital divide during the Omicron wave
- Documented how schools across the country use informal, unrecorded suspensions to remove disabled students from the classroom, a violation of their civil rights. Coverage prompted responses from lawmakers requesting the Education Department regulate and keep records of such removals.

The Charlotte Observer; Charlotte, N.C. — June 2019-March 2021

Education Reporter

- Covered Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, one of the country's largest districts, breaking stories and producing investigations on a competitive beat
- Revealed how CMS's million-dollar security system failed for months, that district officials long knew about its shortcomings, but continued to invest in it while publicly promoting the technology as keeping students safe. My reporting led CMS to file a lawsuit to recoup the money spent
- Uncovered significant misconduct by the former superintendent, who was forced out by the board without public explanation. Documented how he steered contracts to family and friends, and that his comments on race and gender drove a mass exodus of experienced educators from CMS. These stories were a finalist for the Education Writers Association's award for investigative reporting
- Investigated financial accountability stories during COVID-19, including how non-profit hospitals cut health workers' hours and pay while maintaining millions in cash reserves, how a city councilman attempted to redirect relief money to personal projects and how state officials used a faulty formula that inadvertently cut a high-poverty school district out of supplemental coronavirus funding

Mother Jones; San Francisco, Calif. — June 2018-May 2018

Editorial Fellow

- Fact-check investigative pieces and columns for the print magazine, tracking down information via PACER, LexisNexis, interviews and public records requests

The San Francisco Chronicle; San Francisco, Calif. — Sept. 2017-May 2018

Reporting Fellow

- Reported on major national stories, including the Wine Country wildfires, the Las Vegas mass shooting and the YouTube campus shooting

Internship Experience:

- The Oregonian, Chalkbeat NY, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette