ANNA KOOK

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I am an Emmy award-winning video journalist who seeks to connect a global audience with underrepresented human stories from marginalized communities. I’m passionate about languages – eager to use my Korean and Mandarin for authentic reporting. Before living in the U.S. I spent most days in South Korea and Singapore.

# Journalism Experience

**AJ+, Field producer & correspondent for ‘AJ+ Reports’** Washington DC | March 2020 – Now

* Nominated for a national Emmy as “[Outstanding Emerging Journalist](https://theemmys.tv/news/43rd-nominations/)” for news reporting throughout 2021 including coverage on Hurricane Ida [killing basement residents](https://youtu.be/ApQRH3ayz7Y) and attacks [against Asian Americans](https://youtu.be/pKaRbKKYVnA).
* Spearheaded coverage of [‘Cop City’](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPMW47tCA1g) in Atlanta for Al Jazeera for YouTube, [live TV](https://www.youtube.com/live/RyGBNrZDsSo?feature=share) and [print](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/2/13/atlanta-police-shooting-of-activist-fuels-cop-city-controversy) before the issue hit national headlines and was rewarded a Southeast Emmy.
* Contributing [live](https://www.youtube.com/live/RyGBNrZDsSo?feature=share)s for Al Jazeera English TV and [podcast](https://www.aljazeera.com/podcasts/2023/6/9/can-korean-sea-women-survive-climate-change) while simultaneously working on reports that have accumulated more than [1.6 million views](https://youtu.be/pKaRbKKYVnA), gained hundreds of thousands of new subscribers, and won multiple [Emmy](http://network.aljazeera.net/en/pressroom/aj-wins-capital-emmy-award)s.
* [Host](https://www.instagram.com/reel/ChsfIYDpTB_/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==) IG and TikTok videos on topics ranging from student loans to a 30-minute TikTok live on protests after the police killing of Tyre Nichols.

**Voice of America, International Broadcaster** | Washington DC | Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

* Developed a beat on Asian-Americans reporting on topics ranging from the race to the 2020 Presidential Elections to the 2019 Academy Awards.

**Freelancer** | Seoul, Singapore, Washington DC | Dec 2017 – Aug 2018

* Served as WJLA-TV’s correspondent in Singapore as a one-man-band reporter conducting live shots on the first presidential summit between President Trump and Kim Jong Un.
* Reported on the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics as a print journalist for multiple outlets including USA Today, Business Insider and the Chicago Tribune.

**CNN, News Intern** | Beijing, China | Feb – May 2016

* Pitched and published my own digital and story on government-sponsored posters warning against dating foreigners that attracted millions of traffic from a U.S. audience.
* Assisted the filming and production of packages on breaking news about North Korea and China, conducting interviews in Mandarin and Korean.
* Monitored in real-time Chinese news and social media trends to ensure relevant topics were covered.

# Skills

Languages: Native in Korean, professional proficiency in Mandarin

Adobe: Premiere, Photoshop and After Effects

Video shooting on Sony FS7 & A7 III

For fun: 33K followers, 2.6M likes on [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/%40_annakook?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc)

# Education

**Northwestern University**, Medill School of Journalism, Chicago, IL

Master of Science in Broadcast Journalism, Sep 2018 | GPA: 3.84

**Cornell University**, College of Arts & Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Government specializing in China-U.S. relations, May 2017 | GPA: 3.7 Award: Exceptional Senior of Class of 2017

**Peking University,** Semester abroad, Beijing, China