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EXPERIENCE

April	2023-
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Axios SF newsletter writer, <u>Axios</u> (San Francisco, CA)

- · Produce daily M-F newsletter focused on local politics, culture and community news on a team of two.
- Localize national issues and their impacts with an analytic lens, such as transit funding, unionizing health care workers, reparations, victim services and repatriation of Indigenous remains.
- Report one to three solutions-focused stories per week to examine how different people, organizations and institutions are tackling hot-button problems including homelessness, hate and income inequality.
- · Identify audience interests and respond with reader service stories every week.

August 2019 – April 2023

Breaking news reporter, Axios (remote)

- · Produce one to five breaking stories per day, each within 10-30 minutes, on national desk.
- Pursue pitches and original reporting; features include Natives' high vaccination rates, HBCUs' identity crisis, GOP outreach to Latinos, scrutiny of China Initiative and Pasifika climate demands.
- · Contribute monthly pieces to Axios' Hard Truths series and hone reporting eye for race/identity beat.

August 2019 present

Editorial director, The Yappie (remote)

- · Produce and edit scoops, news reports and longform features on government action and the AAPI community for volunteer-run digital outlet centering AAPI politics.
- Compile and recap news related to AAPI advocacy/issues for weekly newsletter of +1,000 subscribers.
- · Co-wrote/co-hosted episode with podcast "Fresh Off the Vote" on WeChat/WhatsApp misinformation.

December 2018 – December 2019

Editor-in-chief, The Amherst Student (Amherst, MA)

- · Oversaw four sections of content for weekly newspaper, website and three social media platforms.
- Produced semester-long investigation into racial disparities in faculty tenure; series was cited in
 The Atlantic and instigated a letter from +200 alums demanding transparency on hiring practices.
- · Created weekly newsletter with 50-70% open and expanded audience outreach via social media.

June 2019 – August 2019

Editorial intern, POLITICO (Washington D.C.)

- Reported five stories of 600-1,000 words for POLITICO Magazine, employing narrative journalism to draw analyses and paint impact of innovation on issues like education and affordable housing.
- · Pitched three to five stories and fact-checked +3,000-word longform stories every week.

May 2017— September 2017

Editorial intern, Palo Alto Weekly (Palo Alto, CA)

- · Delivered local news for community of +66,000 with three to six assignments per week.
- Published front-page pitch on culture of academic striving, immigrant family expectations and mental health crises related to string of suicides at local high school, garnering +18,000 views online.

EDUCATION

September 2016— May 2020 Bachelor of Arts in English, **Amherst College**, *Amherst, MA* Concentration: Sociology and Asian American literature

AWARDS

2022	Intersectional Reporting Prize, awarded by the Multicultural Media Correspondents Association
2020	Elizabeth Bruss Prize for breadth and imagination, awarded by the Amherst College English Department
2019	Samuel Bowles Prize for Journalism, awarded by Amherst College

SKILLS