# THOMAS UY LU

I am a gay, Vietnamese-American journalist, audio producer, and story editor with experience in long-form and short-form interviews, reported pieces, and narrative documentaries. I excel at working with tape to form a narrative, synthesizing information, and sound designing. I'm passionate about supporting and collaborating with diverse, creative teams. I'm particularly interested in stories that explore the messiness of being human — our behaviors, our thoughts, our relationships — as well as stories around race, identity, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE -**

## Freelance

Producer/Editor March 2020 - Present

- Produce and edit service journalism episodes for NPR's Life Kit
- Led production and story editing for four official companion podcast episodes for HBO's Warrior, including commemorative episode celebrating Bruce Lee's legacy with his daughter Shannon Lee
- Produced six episodes for Built-It Productions' Wisdom From The Top

### **NPR**

## Producer, Short Wave

# September 2020 - April 2023

- Produced daily episodes wrote questions and scripts, edited interviews and reporter pieces, sound-designed and selected music — on quick deadlines
- · Collaborated with senior editor to edit hosts and reporters in group edits and in taping sessions
- Reported and booked episodes, ranging from why we see rainbows to why we enjoy spicy food
- Mentored and supervised interns as well as trained new staff on production techniques and show's editorial goals

## Assistant Producer, Hidden Brain

## April 2018 - September 2020

- Produced, wrote, and sound designed full episodes using archival tape for both weekly podcast and radio show — including <u>Finding Your Voice</u>: <u>How The Way We Sound Shapes Our Identities</u> and <u>The Influence You Have</u>: <u>Why We Fail To See Our Power Over Others</u>
- Routinely provided production and editorial feedback during group edits and listening sessions
- Contributed editing to "The Ventilator" which earned an Edward R. Murrow award in 2020
- Researched, pitched, pre-interviewed, and booked a diverse range of guests
- Co-led and managed the show's Twitter and Facebook presence

News Assistant April 2017 - April 2018

- · Shows: How I Built This, All Things Considered, Weekend Edition, and Pop Culture Happy Hour
- Pitched and produced the annual <u>Thanksgiving music segment</u> for All Things Considered
- Wrote and tracked tape and copy for NPR's news magazines
- Pitched, booked, wrote scripts, and produced 2-ways and reporter pieces on tight, daily deadlines

## **Internships**

**TED Radio Hour** 

January 2017 - April 2017

- · Booked 36 guests and coordinated studio connections/tape syncs across the globe
- · Created research packets with background information and interview questions for host

## **StoryCorps**

June 2016 - December 2016

- Identified and produced initial drafts of interviews from around the country for potential broadcast
- · Created and executed new systems for meeting notes and listener feedback to increase efficiency

#### **EDUCATION AND HONORS** -

## **Neon Hum Media's Editors' Bootcamp**

January 2023 - March 2023

Selected to be 1 of 6 participants in a <u>multi-week story editing training program</u> for narrative podcasts. Participants edited early drafts of scripts and mixes under the guidance of Executive Editor Catherine Saint Louis and guest instructors including Emanuele Berry of *This American Life*, Ruxandra Guidi of *Bone Valley*, Marlon Bishop of *Anything for Selena*, and Phyllis Fletcher of *Terrible*, *Thanks for Asking*.

## **AIR New Voices Scholar**

August 2020 - December 2020

Selected to be 1 of 20 scholars for a program aimed at connecting and supporting diverse audio-makers

# **AIR Full Spectrum Storytelling Intensive**

December 2018

Selected to be 1 of 15 participants in a weeklong podcast and audio storytelling training program

Middlebury College May 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

# **United World College - USA**

May 2012

International Baccalaureate Diploma

#### ADDITIONAL WORK SAMPLES

## **NPR**

- Activist Alice Wong reflects on 'The Year of the Tiger' and her hopes for 2023
- Don't be scared to talk about disabilities. Here's what to know and what to say

#### Hidden Brain

- When Everything Clicks: The Power Of Judgment-Free Learning
- Our Better Nature: How The Great Outdoors Can Improve Your Life

#### **Short Wave**

- Everything On A Bagel: A Conversation With Daniels
- Doctor Finds Hope In Helping Inform And Vaccinate Her Community, Part 1 and Part 2
- Microwave: Let's Talk About Urine
- Is It Muggy Out? Check The Dew Point!