

Ava Mandoli

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Global History, minor in Data Science, expected June 2025

- GPA: 3.94 / 4.00
- Relevant coursework: Interactive News, Data Visualization, Knight Lab: AI in Media, Covering Asian American Stories, Political Data Visualization, Magazine Storytelling

INTERNSHIPS

Inc. Magazine, New York City

Editorial Intern, June 2024 - August 2024

- Wrote an average of 3-4 quick hits weekly surrounding the future of work, employee satisfaction, benefits, and entrepreneurship
- Crafted longer features, from a profile of a five-generation [family fireworks business](#) to one about a [founder-oriented running club](#)
- Assisted with flagship projects the Inc. 5000 and created supporting data-driven web content; contributed to Inc. Premium offerings

Medill Local News Accelerator (LNA), Chicago

Fellow, November 2023 - present

- Worked with eight Chicago newsrooms to improve their research insights, content & business strategies, and product development
- Conducted 50+ in-person interviews and deployed Qualtrics surveys to advance partner newsrooms' audience engagement initiatives
- Developed [LNA's home website](#) in HTML/CSS/Javascript

Investigate Midwest, Remote

Dow Jones News Fund Data Journalism Intern, June 2023 - September 2023

- Wrote several data-driven investigative features using agricultural databases and FOIA documents to advance Investigate Midwest's mission of covering agribusiness's impact on people and the environment
- Analyzed government data to create weekly data visualizations about recent agricultural trends
- Developed dossiers on large agricultural companies for future stories using publicly available financial documents

Humans of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.

Storytelling and Photography Intern, October 2019 - September 2021

- Crafted a public health storytelling project in collaboration with HealthierMO; traveled across Missouri interviewing and photographing 20+ people during Summer 2021 to create cohesive story collections

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Data Journalism Collective, Evanston, Ill.

Co-founder and Co-president, November 2023 - present

- Founding a student organization to create a space for students interested in data journalism to learn together
- Hosting weekly work sessions for students to workshop ideas; organizing group projects, workshops and speakers
- Maintaining and engaging with 50+ members in DJC's Slack channel

North by Northwestern Magazine, Evanston, Ill.

Editor, September 2023 - December 2023

- Served as senior editor for feature-length stories in print magazine, guiding writers from ideation to completion
- Completed in-depth fact checking for stories through re-interviewing sources and verifying statistics
- Worked as interactives editor for NBN Web, integrating interactive maps, graphs and web layouts into digital stories

The Daily Northwestern, Evanston, Ill.

Digital Managing Editor, March 2023 - June 2023

- Edited all content from digital desks (audio, video, data visualization, newsletter, socials) for daily production and special editions
- Filmed a day-in-the-life video for joint issue with University of Chicago, garnered record YouTube engagement

Data Visualization Editor, January 2023 - March 2023

- Founded new data desk responsible for integrating charts, maps, timelines and data-driven writing into the Daily
- Supervised desk operations four nights per week and trained 20+ members on Flourish, Datawrapper and ArcGIS

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Skills: R, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Google Sheets, Flourish, Datawrapper, FOIAs, Adobe Suite, photography
- Member of the Asian American Journalists Association's Chicago chapter