

Christine Kao

Passionate photojournalist and graphic designer dedicated to capturing local communities and social movements. Recognized for communication skills, adaptability, and a sharp eye for detail.

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EXPERIENCE

STAT News / Boston Globe Media

Oct. 2022 - Present

Part-time Photo Editor Assistant

- Source and curate editorial images for articles from 10+ wire networks and stock databases, evaluating visual appeal, copyright compliance, and sensitivity concerns.
- Design 30+ compelling photo illustrations using Photoshop for STAT's exclusive coverage.
- Visualize health and medical stories based on reporters' texts under tight deadlines, incorporating artistic direction from editors to enhance story engagement.
- Write ALT texts to improve SEO and ensure consistent viewing experiences across devices.

The Daily Bruin

Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2023

Staff Photographer and Feature Writer

- Pitched and created 30+ photo galleries, generating 100k+ views and 40k+ engagements.
- Captured 60+ Pac-12 games, 10+ protest events, 4 concerts, and 4 NCAA Championships.
- Wrote fact-checked, concise, and informative captions, incorporating research and interviews.
- Voted by staffers as the **Best News Photographer** of 2022-2023.

UCLA Athletics

Nov. 2021 - Oct. 2022

Graphic Designer

- Rebranded "Life of a Bruin," a booklet promoting the resources and spirit of UCLA Athletics.
- Created social media graphics for commitment announcements with a quick turnaround.
- Designed holiday mailers and recruiting GIFs to attract prospective student-athletes.
- Edited photos to enhance their appearance across print materials and digital platforms.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Sep. 2019 - June 2023

B.A. in Design Media Arts; Summa Cum Laude; Chancellor's Marshal

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign, Illustrator, Bridge, Premiere Pro
Photo Mechanic, WordPress, Mandarin, Taiwanese, AP Style, Bookmaking, PR Writing, HTML & CSS

SELECTED AWARDS

2024 **California College Media Association Award**, 2nd Place in Magazine Photo Series
2023 **Associated Collegiate Press**, 2nd Place in Magazine Cover; 4th place in News/Feature Photo
2022 **California College Media Association Award**, 1st Place in Photo Illustration

SELECTED PROJECT

Out and About

Apr. 2023 - June 2023

Self-published Photojournalism Book Author

- Photographed and reported on five sober-friendly queer events organized by women in LA.
- Designed cohesive layouts, inkjet-printed each page, and hand-stitched the book.