ZIYUE (JUDY) ZHU

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SUMMARY

Dedicated local news reporter with proven experience covering government, education, and community life. Skilled at uncovering impactful local stories, building trusted source relationships, and writing with clarity and and purpose. Committed to journalism that empowers communities and uplolds demovratic values.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Milford Daily News 09/2024 - 01/2025

Staff Reporter Intern

Milford, MA

- Developed in-depth knowledge of the Milford community and its key local issues through regular on-the-ground engagement with town officials, representatives, residents and local media.
- Built strong, trusted relationships with local sources to ensure accurate, high impact reporting rooted in community needs.
- Covered critical topics including <u>Milford's Comprehensive Plan</u>, <u>ballot measures</u>, <u>education policy changes</u>, and <u>sustainability initiatives</u>, always keeping the community's perspective at the center.

College of Communication, Boston University

01/2024 - 05/2025

Boston, MA

Teaching Assistant

- Meticulously edited students' assignments to ensure top-tier clarity, coherence, and strict adherence to AP Style.
- Delivered expert feedback on student pitches, steering the development of highly cohesive and impactful thematic pieces
- Conducted rigorous fact-checking on student assignments, verifying accuracy of names, titles, positions, and numerical data. Re-contacted interviewees to confirm quotes, statements, and contextual accuracy, ensuring reliability of reporting.

Nottingham News 09/2022 - 09/2023

Editor

Ningbo, China

- Strategically managed the editorial calendar to guarantee the timely and accurate publication of all articles. Directed weekly editorial meetings and led a dynamic team of writers in story assignments and content development.
- Authored and published over 10 high-impact articles on diverse topics including the trend of gap years, stand-up comedy, and rural education support, collectively garnering more than 8,000 views.
- Verified information and sources to uphold the highest standards of accuracy, integrity, and reliability, cementing the publication's credibility.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Congressional Travel Investigation

01/2024 - 05/2024

Investigative Member

Boston, MA

- Mastered Congressional gift travel rules and ethics. Conducted comprehensive analysis of over 100 post-travel disclosures from Congress members, meticulously documenting key details such as travel expenses, accommodations, sponsors, family involvement, and agendas
- Sourced and interviewed a pivotal informant, whose critical insights steered the article's narrative, extracting powerful quotes that underscored significant ethical concerns.
- Gathered and analyzed data, defined themes, and developed a coherent narrative, while participating in rigorous fact-checking and co-editing the final story.

EDUCATION

Boston University 09/2023 - 05/2025

Master of Science in Journalism

Courses: Covering Government and Politics; Narrative Non-Fiction Journalism; Newsletter Writing; Media Law and Ethics

University of Nottingham

09/2019 - 06/2023

Boston, MA

Bachelors in International Studies

Ningbo, China
Courses: Risk Analysis: Political and Business Risk: International Political and Economy: Global Development Politics

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SKILLS

Software: Microsoft Office; Adobe Premiere; PhotoShop; InDesign; Google sheet, Datawrapper, R, SQL, Flourish, Tableau **Technical Skills:** Photography; Video Production; Interviewing; Newsletter Writing; Data Analysis; Data Visualization