

DILCIA MERCEDDES

DATA JOURNALIST

Hi! My name is Dilcia Mercedes (they/them) and I've been a data journalist at Big Local News for over 3 years. Currently, I am working on a police misconduct project involving data reporting, in addition to machine learning and natural language processing.



EDUCATION

2018 - 2019 :
Stanford University
MA in Journalism

2011 - 2015 :
Swarthmore College
BA in Sociology
& Anthropology

SKILLS

Data Wrangling and Analysis



ETL & Web Scraping



Writing & Reporting



Project Management



Building Tools with Python



HTML/CSS/Javascript



Data Graphics/Visualization



EXPERIENCE

2019 - present
Big Local News @ Stanford University

WARN/Layoffs Story:

- Created a scraping pipeline where an high-level command line script ran all scrapers (argparse, pandas, beautifulsoup, etc)
- Analyzed the layoffs data to produce layoff figures for an evictions story

School Enrollment Project:

- Collected and vetted education data for the Stanford Enrollment Project on the Big Local News platform
- Compared grade totals across years and looked into the change in percentage and dug into outliers as a part of the data vetting process
- Conducted similar comparisons across race categories and years in order to verify patterns we identified in the data

JSK-BLN Data Reporting Grants

- Offered data journalism perspective and guidance for the grantees and their data projects
- Helped narrow the scope of the question to make the project more manageable

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