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-- Education

BA Journalism + Design (Honors)

(May 2025)

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts,
The New School, New York, NY

- * *Legacy Award, presented for outstanding contributions to campus community via leadership of the New School Free Press (April 2025)*

BFA Communication Design (Honors)

(May 2024)

Parsons School of Design, The New School

- * *Dean's List*
- * *Parsons Dean's Scholarship*

Visiting Student, Studio Curriculum

(Aug 2022 – May 2023)

Cornell Tech, Cornell University, New York, NY

-- Technical

Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, AfterEffects, Premiere Pro), Figma, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, GitHub, Excel, Airtable, Wordpress CMS, Flourish, Datawrapper

-- Languages

Conversational — Hindi, French

-- Relevant Coursework

China Today: Art, Economy, and Politics (ULEC 2950), Fake News, Free Speech, & Democracy in South Asia (LLSJ 2160), Visualizing Data (LLSJ 3505), Techniques in Reporting and Computation (LLSJ 2248), Advanced Video Storytelling (LLSJ 3023), Investigative Journalism (LLSJ 2605)

-- Extracurriculars

Organizing Committee,
New Student Workers Union

Diploma and Natya Visharad in Kathak,
Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society

-- Experience

Independent Designer
Partner & Partners, New York, NY
(Jun 2024 – Present)

Design, development and research on interactive, editorial, publishing, identity, and exhibition projects. Clients include Hell Gate, Phenomenal World, the AI Now Institute, and CUNY's Center for the Humanities.

Editor-in-Chief (*previously News Editor*)

New School Free Press (NSFP)
(Dec 2023 – May 2025)

Led a newsroom of between 70 – 113 editors and staff at The New School's only independent student paper.

- * Oversaw regular newsroom operations, alongside providing feedback on pitches, editing, and reporting stories as needed, producing some of the paper's most-read articles of all time. Coverage included stories on pro-Palestine encampments, student visa revocations, Title IX investigations, and misuse of funds by the university student senate.
- * Broadened content formats by growing video and web development teams, and designing copy flows for photojournalism and data stories.
- * Developed staff trainings on copyright and fair use, and expanded the NSFP Code of Ethics.
- * Served on the inaugural NSFP Managing Board, helping develop an official constitution, and policies governing the board's relationship with the newsroom and hiring of future editors-in-chief.

Design Lab Technician

Parsons School of Design, The New School
(Aug 2023 – May 2025)

- * Assisted students in file set-up and printing and provided equipment orientations on inkjet, laser, risograph, large-format plotter printers, and a range of industrial bookbinding machines at the busiest student lab at The New School.
- * Looked after equipment, including troubleshooting, changing parts, resolving jams, and fixing driver issues.

Research Assistant

Parsons School of Design, The New School
(Jan 2024 – May 2025)

Research assistant to professors Andrew LeClair and Elaine Lopez, researching and writing copy for a web-based typography teaching tool, and supporting client projects respectively.