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EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, MA

Sep 2025 - Present

Master of Science in Data Journalism

Boston University, Boston, MA

May 2025

Bachelor of Science in Journalism

- 3.98 GPA, [Jerome A. Nachman Writing Award](#)

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

OpenSecrets, Washington, DC

Jun 2025 - Sep 2025

Research Intern

- Built a pipeline to capture and import text from FARA documents into a web application
- Conducted data entry, validation, and cleanup of campaign donor, FARA, and lobbyist records using SQL, maintaining database integrity and accuracy across thousands of entries

Justice Media co-Lab, Boston, MA

Aug 2024 - Present

Project Manager

- Lead teams of 3-5 computer science, data science, and journalism students on investigative projects, including satellite imagery analysis of algae blooms and natural language processing to detect prosecutorial misconduct
- Build and maintain multi-source databases with thousands of records, implementing quality control protocols and managing concurrent project timelines

Broken, Cambridge, MA

Feb 2024 - Present

Researcher and Assistant Editor

- Lead student research team investigating the Massachusetts child welfare system for a [documentary film](#), developing expert rating systems to flag no-bid contracts and procurement irregularities in government subcontracting data
- Analyze financial documents (990 tax forms, RFRs, state contracts) and file public records requests to trace funding flows and build a comprehensive database of procurement patterns
- Conduct archival research at the State Library of Massachusetts' Special Collections

Boston University Department of Journalism, Boston, MA

Jan 2024 - May 2025

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Brooke Williams

- Taught technical reporting skills (APIs, web scraping, SQLite, Google dorking) and guided journalism students in identifying data sources to strengthen investigative stories
- Edited 30+ student stories through reporting and writing phases while coordinating feedback between students, faculty, and external newsroom editors to meet professional publication standards
- Co-taught a basic databases course for early-career journalists in the [2024 and 2025 NEFAC Negri Institutes](#)

Spark!, Boston, MA

Mar 2024 - July 2024

Intern

- Collaborated with ProPublica to analyze thousands of judicial records, uncovering [dozens of instances of non-recusal](#) amidst appearances of impropriety.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data Analysis & Visualization: Python, Bash, SQL, API integration, Excel/Sheets, Tableau, Flourish
Visual/Audio & Other: Premiere Pro, Lighroom, Logic Pro, Canva, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite