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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Freelancer

Aug. 2024 - Present | NYC, New York

Selected to report from the U.S.-Mexico border with the Puente News Collaborative in April 2025. Analyzed the impact of Trump's tariffs on the cattle trade. Work was nationally syndicated by [the Guardian](#), [Palabras NAH!](#), among others. Covered UN-related events during the 79th General Assembly week for [Doha News](#), based in Qatar.

### Intern, EVN Report

June 2025 – July 2025 | Yerevan, Armenia

Produced long-form, analytical pieces on Armenia's evolving political landscape. Topics include [economic policies](#), international diplomacy, and [regional shifts](#). Explored the [risk of Russian interference](#) in the upcoming 2026 elections.

### Growth Reporter, Fort Worth Report (Report for America)

Jan. 2022 – May 2024 | Fort Worth, TX

Covered housing, transportation, infrastructure, economic development. Stories include [discrimination against housing voucher holders](#) in Texas, which [led to a city ordinance amendment](#) adding extra protections for some groups of people. Investigated how a [city-sponsored housing project for unsheltered people](#) struggled due to a lack of public funding (2024 SPJ Region 8 First Place Award). Delved into a [city-promised tax cut for a longtime developer](#) with close ties to the city council (2024 Texas Managing Editors First Place Award for Business Reporting). Explored the [rising number of children in the state experiencing eviction](#) (2023 Housing Narrative Lab Awards Finalist). Produced [a 4-minute feature](#) about mobile home buyers losing their properties in partnership with the local NPR station, KERA News.

### Reporter, Community Impact Newspaper

Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2021 | Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

Covered local government and education in Grapevine and Southlake, including the [controversial legal fight](#) at Carroll ISD over diversity and equity. Produced features on local restaurants and businesses and highlighted how they [contributed to the local economy](#). Shot photos of community events such as the return to Earth of local astronaut [Wally Funk after her trip to space](#) with Blue Origin and the sendoff of a high school student to the [2022 Tokyo Olympics](#).

## EDUCATION

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### Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism

Dec. 2025

*Master of Arts in Journalism, concentration in International Reporting*

Produced three short video features on the [Bronx Documentary Center](#), a [Palestinian artist](#) living in the diaspora, and a local organization helping tackle [loneliness among elders](#).

### Texas State University

May 2020

*Bachelor of Science in Journalism, minor in International Relations.*

Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Honors. Author of thesis, ["War in Yemen: Costs and Benefits to the U.S."](#). Published "American News Bias" in the [Texas State Undergraduate Research Journal](#). Participated in the school's award-winning [Model Arab League](#) chapter. Full-time reporter, editor at [The University Star](#).

## SKILLS & AFFILIATIONS

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**Software:** Adobe Audition, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, Avid Pro Tools, Flourish, Datawrapper

**Languages:** French (fluent); Arabic (intermediate proficiency); Spanish (conversational)

**Associations:** Arab and Middle Eastern Journalists Association, IRE, SPJ/Deadline Club

**Visas/Passports:** U.S. Citizen, French Citizen (E.U. Passport), Lebanese National