

Saumya Gupta

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Experience

Oakland North Reporter

*Oakland, CA
Aug 2022 – Dec 2022*

- Wrote one story every one to two weeks ranging from quick turnaround event coverage and longer enterprise pieces focused on Oakland's crime and justice system, while also taking photos for each article. Also, published in collaboration with Oaklandside.

San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star News, Whittier Daily News Reporting Intern

*Monrovia CA; Pasadena, CA
June 2022 – Aug 2022*

- Wrote two to five stories a week, ranging from briefs to longer pieces, including profiles, explainers and event coverage, such as a memorial service of a city councilmember of 20+ years, Juneteenth celebrations, and debates concerning minimum wage.
- Covered city council meetings, school board meetings and events in Duarte, while also covering topics in several other cities, including Pasadena, Whittier and El Monte.
- Regularly live-tweeted while covering events in Duarte and Pasadena.

Daily Bruin Senior Staff

*Los Angeles, CA
June 2021 – June 2022*

- Wrote longer form explainers and content, such as about the leaked draft majority opinion regarding Roe v. Wade and student loans, to help readers understand the impacts and possible results of U.S. government decisions.
- Shot photos.

National News and Higher Education Editor

June 2020 – June 2021

- Managed the production of daily content and oversaw one of five news beats, consisting of almost 20 writers.
- Increased the scope of the beat to include international coverage, creating an international series called "At A Distance."
- Concocted live news coverage during Election Day, as well as collaborated with multiple sections to create an online interactive page of 18 stories for the 2020 presidential election and a state-by-state election guide on voting.
- While editing stories for sensitivity, grammar, flow, order, balance and style, also trained writers on how to grow as writers and facilitate a community in the beat, as well as among other beats and sections by hosting socials and creating traditions on Slack.
- Wrote one to four stories a week including breaking news and quick turnarounds, such as SAT matters and the Jan. 6 insurrection.

News Contributor

Nov 2019 – June 2020

- Wrote one story every one to two weeks, covering the UC Board of Regents and the state government, garnering almost 5,000 pageviews on former UC President's plan for instruction during the pandemic.

Skills

Software Knowledge: Adobe (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Audition); Proficient in WordPress, HTML, CSS, and Excel

Language: English (Native), Urdu (Basic), Hindi (Basic).

Awards

Third-Place [Pinnacle Award](#) Winner for [Best Breaking News Story](#).

Education

University of California, Berkeley – Journalism (M.J.)

Aug 2022 – Present

University of California, Los Angeles – Communication Studies and Psychology (B.A.)

Sept 2018 – June 2022