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PORTFOLIOS

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SKILLS

Computer-assisted reporting

- + Python
- + MATLAB, R
- + JavaScript, D3, HTML
- + SQL

Audio/video editing

- + Hindenburg
- + Adobe Premiere Pro

Languages

- + Mandarin
- + Southern Min
- + Spanish

Explaining jargon

- + Genetics, molecular biology, natural language processing, artificial intelligence, digital communications

ORGANIZATIONS

- + Asian American Journalists Association
- + Investigative Reporters and Editors

ABOUT ME

- + I love writing code, telling stories and explaining abstruse concepts
- + I'm interested in accountability, technology, economics, health and inequality

EXPERIENCE

NPR | Atlanta, GA | September 2020-Present

Planet Money podcast production intern

The Associated Press | Atlanta, GA | July 2020-September 2020

Data team intern doing analysis and producing graphics for top education, business and global investigations stories

- + Ensured the scientific accuracy of a special collaboration with FRONTLINE
- + Enabled local reporting on COVID-19 cases through an internal data dashboard

MIT Catalysts | Atlanta, GA and Menlo Park, CA | June 2019-Present

Podcast producer highlighting MIT alumni leaders and entrepreneurs

- + Created a special series featuring alumni on the COVID-19 front-line

Peninsula Press | Stanford, CA | September 2019-June 2020

Local reporter covering technology and culture in the San Francisco Bay Area

- + Highlighted tech workers leading community-building efforts in local government and tech companies through print, audio and video pieces

The Dallas Morning News | Dallas, TX | June 2019-September 2019

Features and enterprise intern covering the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex

- + Expanded the Arts and Entertainment desk's coverage of community leaders of color in the medical, arts, food and beauty industries

Big Local News | Stanford, CA | May 2018-June 2020

Data journalist investigating local service requests, school districts and wildfires

- + Created story recipes to help local reporters customize data-driven stories
- + Expanded the scope of data for local reporting partners

Goggles Optional | Stanford, CA | October 2017-June 2019

Writer, host and editor. Contributed to radio episodes about scientific research

- + Enhanced the show's repertoire by contributing episodes tackling genetics, ethics, psychology and artificial intelligence

PROGRAMS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

ProPublica Diversity Scholarship | Spring 2020

NLGJA CONNECT | Summer 2019

Chips Quinn Scholars Program for Diversity in Journalism | Spring 2019

AAJA Voices | Summer 2018

EDUCATION

Stanford University | Stanford, CA

Master of Arts in Journalism, 2019-2020

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering, 2012-2019

Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Cambridge, MA

Master of Engineering in EE and Computer Science, 2011-2012

Bachelor of Science in EE, 2007-2011