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Experience

The New York Times

Graphics Fellow June 2022 – Present

Wrote a visual story about voting shifts among <u>New York's Asian Americans</u>. The story garnered 100,000 views, led The Morning (daily newsletter), and appeared in a two-page print spread. Using both traditional and OSINT reporting, produced breaking visual coverage of: the <u>police killing</u> of Tyre Nichols, hurricanes, and elections.

Reported, and wrote a visual story, on where the 2022 midterms would affect abortion access.

The Texas Tribune

Fellow June 2021 - August 2021

Investigated a class cancelation caused by "critical race theory" law.

Conducted <u>beat reporting</u> on race in education and the C.R.T. debates, interviewing more than two dozen teachers and students.

The New York Times

Graphics Intern May 2019 - August 2019 and April 2021 - May 2021

Investigated the scale of <u>asylum seekers</u> in Mexico by obtaining leaked Senate Judiciary Committee data, and working with NGOs, shelters, researchers, and photographers in ten border cities affected by MPP and metering.

Covered <u>U.S. immigration</u> and protests in <u>Puerto Rico</u> and <u>Hong Kong</u> with data and visualization.

Bloomberg News

News Intern June 2020 - August 2020

Interrogated and combined large datasets to cover the intersection of race, labor and climate.

Processed flood risk rasters to report on systemic bias in FEMA flood risk assessments.

With location data, wrote a visual story on disparities in the pandemic's recovery.

Projects

Intersectional Bias in Artificial Intelligence that Grades Interviews Fall '21

Found bias across skin tone and gender in a platform that uses artificial intelligence to automatically judge video interviews. I wrote a program that sent a large, diverse dataset of video interviews into the artificial intelligence. I scraped down the scores and analyzed them, finding bias.

The Legacy of Redlining on Urban Heat Inequity Course: Machine Learning and Climate Change, Spring '22

I used Google Earth Engine to derive temperature data from satellite imagery across 200 cities over 40 years. I analyzed the relationship between redlining infrastructure and heat. I built interactive and filterable maps to facilitate data exploration.

Education

Columbia University (B.S. Computer Science, 2022) — I studied computer science, ethnic studies, data science, and comparative legal studies.

Tools Data analysis: Python, R, Google Cloud and AWS, scraping, shell scripting

Visualization and front-end: D3, JS, Svelte and SvelteKit, WebGL, React, Illustrator

Spatial analysis: R, GDAL, QGIS