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Professional Statement: I am an audio and print journalist with three years of podcast production and reporting experience. I'm currently a part-time fact-checker at [StoryCorps](#) and a freelance producer with [Foreign Policy's podcast team](#).

Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY

May 2020

- Masters of Science, with a focus in print and audio reporting and production.
- Staff member of [Uptown Radio](#), filed spot news and feature stories for the immigration beat. Covered breaking news and local politics. Created social media posts, booked guests, cut interviews, directed hosts during tracking, and logged tape on Adobe Audition. Fulfilled a variety of roles such as producer, host, webcaster, and editor for weekly radio webcast.
- Reporting master's capstone project on Chinese overseas students in the US facing hurdles when reporting campus sexual assault.

Fordham University, Bronx, NY

May 2015

- Bachelor of Arts. Majored in International Studies with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region.
- Loyola Scholarship Recipient, given to students who demonstrate academic and leadership promise.
- Wrote senior thesis on the 2014 Hong Kong Umbrella Movement.

Journalism Experience

StoryCorps, Fact-checker

October 2021 - Present

- Researched biographies, legal documents, newspaper archives, PACER, and other resources to fact-check radio stories.
- Contacted secondary and tertiary sources to corroborate personal experiences.
- Interviewed sources to fact-check statements on sensitive subjects such as police brutality, Indigenous rights, and grief.

Foreign Policy, Freelance Producer

October 2021 - Present

- Edited and produced podcast episodes for [The Negotiators](#) using Adobe Audition and Hindenburg.
- Booked guests and contacted fixers.
- Researched topics for future shows on international diplomacy, gender inequality, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Louis Public Radio, Newsroom Intern

February 2021 - May 2021

- Produced spots, wrote scripts, and cut down interviews for the station's daily newscast.
- Published feature stories on a [variety of beats](#) such as race, immigration, public health, and politics.

SupChina, Editorial Intern

January 2021 - May 2021

- Covered breaking news, business, and tech for [SupChina's website](#) and daily newsletter.

Center for Public Integrity, Reporter and Media Engagement Intern, New York, NY

Summer 2020

- [Reported on mental health recovery for Spanish-speaking wildfire survivors](#) in Napa and Sonoma County, CA.
- Surveyed 200 natural disaster survivors for ['Hidden Epidemics', a 12-state, 7-newsroom investigation](#) on the impact of mental health after floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

Freelance Writer

2018 - Present

- Essays and interviews published in [Teen Vogue](#), [Goldthread \(a South China Morning Post affiliate\)](#), [NüVoices](#), and [Latterly Magazine](#).

Professional Experience

October 2015 – March 2019

Giraffe American English, Teacher and Staff Community Manager, Shanghai

- Taught ESL classes at a private after-school English academy.
- Translated monthly meeting notes for Foreign Teaching Staff from Mandarin to English.
- Published quarterly company-wide newsletter.
- Created staff's English language sexual harassment code of conduct.

Skills and Activities

- Technology: Microsoft Office, Wordpress, Mailchimp, Adobe Audition, PhotoShop, InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, and HTML.