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EXPERIENCE

Reporting Intern, Bay City News/Local News Matters

May 2022 - Present | Berkeley, CA

Published more than 30 daily news stories, including election updates, housing plans, traffic fatalities and environmental issues in the Bay Area. [Stories](#) got cross-posted by The Mercury News, SF Gate, NBC Bay Area and other news outlets.

Produced two special projects on [how a new state law affected food rescue organizations](#) and the [Bay Area stories behind James Webb Space Telescope's success](#).

OSINT Investigator, Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley

Sept. 2022 - Present | Berkeley, CA

Worked on the global Digital Verification Corps team to help identify videos of potential human rights violations from protests.

Used OSINT skills such as advanced searching and geolocation (Google Earth) to analyze and verify sources of content.

Health & Environmental Reporting Intern, Southern Weekly

Sept. 2020 - May 2021 | Beijing, China

Pitched and wrote investigative reports and feature stories on environment and health, including the growing demand of palliative care for older adults and updates on COVID-19.

Investigated how China's ban on waste imports impacted the global waste trade. It was the week's most popular story with more than 100 thousand views.

Data Journalism Fellow, Caixin Media

Feb. 2020 - July 2020 | Beijing, China

Pitched three story ideas every week, produced interactive data stories on human rights issues such as child trafficking in China, as well as how COVID-19 impacted different communities.

Analyzed and created data visualizations for projects using Excel, Google Sheets, Illustrator and Tableau.

News Reporter, The Daily Texan

Sept. 2018 - Dec. 2018 | Austin, TX

Pitched three story ideas every week, mainly covered campus events and student affairs topics.

Published [10 articles](#) on the newspaper or online, topics included single-parent students, international health insurance, transfer students and plastic pollution among others.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Fall 2021 - Spring 2023 | Berkeley, CA

M.J., Multimedia/Data Journalism, GPA: 4.00

Courses: Health & Environmental Reporting, Coding (Python & HTML), Data Visualization, Machine Learning

University of Texas, Austin

Fall 2017 - Fall 2019 | Austin, TX

B.J., Journalism, GPA: 3.91

Courses: Local News Reporting, Elements of Databases, Graphic Design

Sichuan University

Fall 2015 - Spring 2017 | Chengdu, China

B.A., Communication, GPA: 3.72

SKILLS

Data Analysis: Python(Pandas, Beautiful Soup, Numpy, Scikit-learn), R(Tidyverse, ggplot), Google Sheets, basic SQL

Development: HTML, CSS, basic JavaScript, Git and Github, Command Line

Design: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, DataWrapper, Tableau, QGIS, Mapbox, Figma

Video Editing & Animation: Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects

Languages: Mandarin Chinese, English

HONORS

Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2019 | Austin, TX

National Merit Scholarship, Sichuan University

Fall 2016 | Chengdu, China

Excellent Student at Sichuan University

Fall 2016 | Chengdu, China