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EXPERIENCE

Google News Initiative Fellow, *Bay City News*

May 2022 - Present | Berkeley, CA

I started as a summer intern and got rehired through the Google News Initiative Fellowship.

Published several features and 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.

OSINT Investigator, *Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley*

Sept. 2022 - Dec. 2022 | Berkeley, CA

Worked on the global Digital Verification Corps team to seek and identify social media videos of police brutality against protesters.

Used open source investigation skills such as advanced searching and geolocation (Google Earth) to analyze and verify content sources.

Health & Environmental Reporting Intern, *Southern Weekly*

Sept. 2020 - May 2021 | Beijing, China

Pitched and wrote features on health and environmental issues, including the growing demand for 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 clicks.

Data Journalism Fellow, *Caixin Media*

Feb. 2020 - July 2020 | Beijing, China

Pitched and produced data stories on human rights issues, such as child trafficking in China and how COVID-19 impacted different communities. An interactive data project on COVID-19 deaths I contributed to was named Sigma Awards 2021 Shortlist.

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., Data Journalism/Narrative Writing

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

University of Texas, Austin

Fall 2017 - Fall 2019 | Austin, TX

B.J., Journalism

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

Sichuan University

Fall 2015 - Spring 2017 | Chengdu, China

B.A., Communication

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

Google News Initiative Fellowship
2022 | Berkeley, CA

Sigma Awards 2021 Shortlist
2021 | Beijing, China

Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship, *University of Texas at Austin*
2019 | Austin, TX