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Education and Qualifications

Sept 2020 – July 2021 Merit	City University	Masters: Financial Journalism
Sept 2017 – 2020 First Class (Honours)	Durham University	History BA Hons
Sept 2014 – June 2016 A level: History (A*), Economics (A) Pre-U: Mathematics (D2 Equivalent A* at A level), Further Mathematics (D3 Equivalent A at A level)	Rugby School	

Work

The Times - Graduate Journalist (Business Desk) [All Articles] October 2022 - Present

I am about to complete the two year graduate scheme at The Times on the business desk, which involved rotations across many of The Times' divisions, including in Scotland and on the News desk, and almost a year on the business desk. After less than a year working on the business team, I won **MHP's 30 under 30 Gold Award for business journalism** for my work on [local council debt](#), [Russian investments in London](#) and [Ukrainian sanctions avoidance](#). I have also broken exclusives on British manufacturer [Raspberry Pi's](#) attempts to stop its products from ending up in Russia, the value of [total UK exports to the country](#), and the [possible bankruptcy](#) of one of the UK's largest government contractors. Outside of business I have written features from the [migrant camps in Calais](#), about [economic inactivity among young people](#) and drops in the number of [young people choosing to learn to drive](#).

The i - Datajournalist [All Articles] June 2021 - October 2022

I was the first datajournalist employed by The i. In my time at the paper I was featured on the front page five times and was nominated for a **Drum award for best investigation** along with other members of the newspaper for our investigation into the [Channel Tragedy](#). I have also built interactive pieces such as my [poll trackers](#) and developed data-driven investigations such as my work on [Russian misinformation](#). I've also written [various](#) articles on the [government's levelling-up agenda](#).

City AM [All Articles] February 2021

I completed a month-long internship with City AM where I covered finance for their website. At one point, my story on gender representation among executives was the second most-read article on City AM's website.

MoneyWeek Magazine December 2020

I spent two weeks at MoneyWeek magazine where I designed their annual Christmas quiz. I also wrote profiles on the entrepreneurs Anne Boden and Trinny London and I contributed to their *Money Talks* segment.

Awards and Nominations

MHP's 30 under 30 Gold Award - Business Journalism (2024) - I won a national award for journalists under the age of 30 for my work on local council debt and UK business links with Russia.

Drum Award for Best Investigation Nomination (2022) - I was nominated for a national award for best investigation as part of my work unpicking traffic in the english channel during the Channel Tragedy

SPA Regionals: Best Development, | SPA Nationals: Best Newcomer Publication, Best Overall Digital Media and Best Science/Technology article Nominations (2019) - I founded an online only student newspaper at university which won one regional student media award and was nominated for two national awards.

Skills

I am a self taught, full stack developer with particularly strong ability in Python and R, along with JavaScript (Svelte mainly, some React). I started teaching myself to program at the age of 12, and have used the skills consistently throughout my journalism career, as a data journalist and later to develop some of my investigations at The Times.

University

The Monocle Newspaper, Founder and Editor-in-Chief

I co-founded and edited Durham's first fully independent student newspaper. Within a month of our launch, we won **Best Development** at the Northern Region Student Publication Awards and we were nominated for **Best Newcomer Publication and Best Overall Digital Media** at the National Student Publication Awards. I was also personally nominated for **Best Science/Technology article** for my interview with [Samy Bengio](#), a founder of modern AI.