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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.