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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Chicago, IL Sept. 2024 - Aug. 2025
Master of Science in Journalism | Medill Investigative Lab in Chicago and D.C. | Data Journalism

New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE Graduated May 2024
B.A. in Creative Writing | Founders' Day Award | GPA: 3.9

WORK EXPERIENCE

Medill Illinois News Bureau, Chicago, IL. Jan. 2025 – March 2025
Winter Fellow

- Breaking news experience: collaborated with Capitol News Illinois to cover Illinois state government on transportation, affordable housing and PBMs

Chicago Headline Club, Chicago, IL. March 2025
Videographer

- Produced the [YouTube video](#) for Chicago Headline Club's 2025 FOIA Fest Keynote Speech

New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE May 2023 – July 2024
Creative Writer and Project Assistant for the Center for Astro, Particle, and Planetary Physics (CAP3)

- Co-authored a science-based graphic novel for the center – published now in Abu Dhabi

The University of Oxford Nov. 2023 - March 2024
PhD Assistant

- Contributed to research on government-imposed access restrictions on UN peacekeeping missions, with a focus on civilian protection and human rights violations
- Co-developed an original dataset tracking how governments obstructed UN field operations during civil conflicts to serve strategic interests
- Collected and analyzed official UN peacekeeping reports submitted to the Secretary-General, Security Council, and General Assembly; conducted comprehensive literature review to support findings

Xinhua News Agency, Beijing, China Feb. 2023 – Aug. 2023
Beijing Channel International Intern

- Wrote English stories for Beijing Channel under Xinhua: a [sample](#) that has over 2000 views
- Translated documents between Mandarin and English
- Extensive research experience through Chinese databases

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Gazelle, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Jan. 2022 - May 2024

Editor-in-Chief

([The Gazelle](#) is an independent, student-led weekly publication based in New York University Abu Dhabi, with an international monthly readership of almost twenty thousand.)

- Directed the news team to produce quality stories each week
- Extensive interview, copy-editing, pitching, production and teamwork experience
- Took initiative to start a fashion column since Spring 2023: Read a sample [here](#)
- Wrote a variety of feature, opinion and news pieces for the newspaper on a regular basis, covering law, politics, fashion, popular culture and campus affairs - See all articles [here](#)

Airport Road, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Sept. 2023 - May 2024

Editor-in-Chief

([Airport Road](#) is a journal of creative work by students affiliated with NYU's global network of campuses and study away sites)

- Organizing the publication of *Airport Road* issue 15

SKILLS

Tech:

- Web production:
 - HTML, CSS, Javascript, WordPress
- Videography
 - Adobe Premiere Pro
- Graphic Design
 - Canva
- Data analysis:
 - Flourish for data visualization, Excel/Google Sheets, Apps Script, web crawling and web scraping using Tabula, GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
- Photography: Darkroom and digital
- Social media experiences

Languages:

- Mandarin: Native
- English: Proficient
- Spanish/Dutch: Intermediate