

Xiaoya Shao

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Boston Neighborhood Network

Boston, MA

Multimedia Journalist

January 2025 – April 2025

- Produced and aired two news packages about [Chinatown's new year celebration](#) and [an Asian American lion dance troupe](#) on BNN which covers 26 communities and 50,000 households in Boston
- Excelled in camera operation by capturing footage and creative stand-ups for three other published packages, demonstrating ability to work within a team and independently
- Participated in more than 10 pitch meetings with a focus on Asian communities in Greater Boston

Boston University News Service

Boston, MA

Multimedia Journalist

February 2025 – April 2025

- Produced and edited three TV news packages, including one independently, about [Boston Marathon](#), [Baltic Film Festival](#), and [Chinese New Year Parade](#), receiving more than 300 views on YouTube
- Conducted and coordinated interviews with over 10 sources, crafting compelling narratives for broadcast
- Edited footage with Adobe Premiere Pro to create seamless videos and operated Sony Z90 and audio equipment

Phoenix New Media

Beijing, China

Multimedia Intern at Travel Channel

May 2024 – June 2024

- Edited videos for Weibo, Red Note, and TikTok, ensuring fast turnaround to maintain news relevance
- Curated and published 30 daily newsletters on WeChat, updating the latest travel-related policies
- Managed Instagram account by crafting compelling captions with AI assistance and curating video content to promote travel in Chinese cities and cultural festivals for 5 posts

BUTV10's The Wire

Boston, MA

Studio Assistant

October 2022 – May 2023

- Operated cameras and the prompter, edited pre-production scenes, assisted with chyrons for 15 news shows
- Controlled microphone volumes in "[Your Vote Your Voice](#)," a live coverage about the 2022 midterm elections that won National Student Production Award

The Daily Free Press

Boston, MA

Staff Writer and Photographer

March 2022 – April 2024

- Composed and published 14 [news and feature articles](#), with topics ranging from AI's impact on education to the City's affordable housing fund
- Conducted and led 50+ interviews through Zoom, phone calls and in-person meetings, gathering firsthand insights to enhance news coverage and accuracy
- Captured and published photographs that received 5 contributions, including the annual Holi celebration and one image displayed at BU about renaming Myles Standish Hall

PUBLISHED WORKS

- [Gund Kwok, Lion and Dragon Dance Troupe](#) April 25, 2025
- [Chinese New Year Snake Crafting Celebration](#) February 28, 2025

EDUCATION

Boston University College of Communication

May 2025

Bachelor of Science in Journalism

GPA 3.84

SKILLS

- Computer skills: Adobe Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, Lightroom, Photoshop, Canva
- Language skills: Mandarin (native), Japanese (intermediate)