

Reia Li

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EDUCATION

Pomona College, Claremont, CA, Class of 2024, Magna Cum Laude. Major: Anthropology. Minor: Mathematics. Languages: Mandarin (conversationally fluent). GPA: 3.972.

AWARDS

- Pomona College Scholar (Top 25% of class)
- 2025 [Inclusion and Representation in Features](#) award, Third Place, from the Society for Features Journalism
 - Judge comments: "Li's reporting weaves vibrant narratives that illuminate Phoenix's Asian-American experience with remarkable sensitivity and journalistic insight."
- 2024 [Student Excellence in Written Reporting](#) Honorable Mention from the Asian American Journalists Association for story about a noodle maker in Phoenix's historic Chinatown
- First Place, Best Breaking [News Story](#) from the 2024 California College Media Association awards

EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

The Arizona Republic

Arizona Life reporter (September 2024 - Present)

- Reporter covering food, money and retail. Stories include trending stories with over 100k pageviews, analyses of political measures affecting tipped workers and deep dives into the food history of Phoenix's Asian American communities.
- Manage and create posts for The Republic's dining Instagram.
- In my first 3 months, I [wrote 3 stories](#) featured on the front page of the Sunday paper.
- Vice chair of the newsroom's Diversity Committee, organized a workshop for reporters about local Asian American history featuring community speakers
- A story of mine was [posted](#) by Senator Ruben Gallego on X

Pulliam Fellow (June 2024 - August 2024)

- Full-time fellow covering food, dining and entertainment. Wrote a variety of stories, from investigative features to quick breaking news.
- Over 10 weeks, my stories generated 140k total page views.

Arizona Luminaria, *Journalism Intern (May 2023 - July 2023)*

- Worked full-time as a journalist at a nonprofit newsroom dedicated to long-form, community-centered journalism. [Wrote](#) features and an investigative story about housing policy.
- Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist Dianna Nández edited my stories. Analyzed years of government reports to create data graphics for a [story](#) funded by the Fund for Investigative Journalism.

The Student Life (TSL) Newspaper

News Writer (2022- 2023)

News Associate Editor (Fall 2023)

- Associate editor in charge of a team of 20+ writers. Edited multiple articles weekly
- Helped find weekly story ideas, created social media content. Designed and led training for new writers. Wrote articles with same-day turnaround.
- Coverage of protests relating to Israel and Palestine was cited in national publications, such [The Intercept](#) and [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#). Co-wrote [one](#) of TSL's top 20 most-read articles

The Claremont Courier, *News Intern (Feb 2023 - May 2023)*

- Writer for the city of Claremont's weekly newspaper. Wrote stories related to education and [student engagement](#) with the Claremont community.

SKILLS: Mandarin reporting, WordPress, Excel, Social Media, Flourish data visualizations, SEO, photography.