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Education

Syracuse University B.S. in Broadcast and Digital Journalism
University of California, Berkeley M.S. in Data Journalism

Aug 2019 – Dec 2022
Aug 2024 – June 2026

Skills

- Bilingual: Mandarin, English
- Data: Python, R, Excel, SQL, IPUMS, FOIA, Census; Web & Front-End: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Git

Honors

- Asian American Journalists Association multimedia journalism fellowship [Voices](#), 2025
- National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting Scholarship ([IRE, NICAR](#)), 2025
- Asian American Journalists Association Early Career Scholarship, 2024
- Annual Report of Beijing Youth Daily, Generation Z Channel, 2023

Experience

Houston Chronicle

Data Reporting Intern

Houston

June - Aug 2025

- Led [data-driven investigations](#) into immigration, science funding cuts and climate change, analyzed large-scale government datasets acquired through FOIA requests, collaborated with reporters across departments

The Guardian

Reporter

California

Oct 2024 – May 2025

- [Uncovered student stories](#) behind mass visa cancellations; ranked #4 readership, #7 in in-depth reads sitewide
- Covered [federal hearing](#) where new ICE policy announced, published within 1 hour of adjournment
- Researched and [published](#) on election misinformation circulating within the Chinese American community

Initium Media

Mandarin Reporter

California

Jun 2024 – Present

- Reported on the presidential election through 31 in-depth articles on state-level policies and on-the-ground coverage of Asian communities in Beijing and San Francisco
- Investigative reports ranked in the website's top 10, covering [TikTok users joining Rednote](#), [the arrest of mainland adult-fiction writers](#), each gaining over a thousand interactions on social media

The Daily Californian

Reporter

California

Apr 2025 – Present

- Detected early signs of visa reinstatements, verified with sources, and [broke the story nationally](#), published in 50 minutes
- Localized a national visa story; ran as [front-page lead](#) and became the most-read story on the site

Richmond Confidential

City Hall Reporter

Richmond, CA

June 2024 – May 2025

- Reported local elections through [news packages](#), [district maps](#) and [campaign finance data investigation](#)
- Monitored neighborhood group chats to develop an enterprise piece on [redevelopment of an abandoned mall](#), became the site's second most popular article
- Broke the news that [city lawsuits](#) moved to federal court after spotting the update in court dockets

Vox Media

Publishing Intern

Remote

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

- Pitched and edited short videos for NowThis TikTok channels, delivering five segments daily
- Presented current events, policy analysis, historical context, fact-checking, explainer videos, through short videos

Organization

WeMedia Lab

Editor-in-Chief

Syracuse

Jan 2020 – Dec 2022

- Established and Headed [Syracuse's first Mandarin news blog](#), curated weekly local; grew from 0 to 3,000 subscribers
- Founded an international column with the [local newspaper](#), edited content monthly from international writers
- Advocated for the international community; Authored the [bilingual publication](#) in the local newspaper history

NCC News

Multimedia Journalist

Syracuse

Aug 2020 – Dec 2022

- Contributed to year-long newscasts for the local newsroom's 4 PM show, assisting with production and reporting
- Covered breaking news with live reporting, conducted on-camera interviews, and edited video and audio