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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Evanston, Ill.; 2023 – 2027

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Legal Studies | *Minor in Asian American Studies* | **Dean's List:** 3/7 quarters

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Media and Democracy, Intern

Madison, Wisc.; June 2026 – present

- Assist CMD with investigative journalism research and writing, as well as multimedia and social media dissemination of research. File FOIAs and other records requests to support CMD's work. Conduct legal research on behalf of the team of five.

Northwestern Magazine, Editorial Intern

Evanston, Ill.; April 2026 – present

- Collaborate with four editors/producers to fact-check, research and write stories for magazine's quarterly issues. Adapt content for online publication. Maintain alumni/donor database records and support editorial operations.

Midstory, Writing Intern

Toledo, Ohio; January – March 2026

- Completed journalism residency with Midstory, a 501(c)(3) non-profit thinkhub that progresses the narrative of the Midwest by incubating bright, diverse and interdisciplinary thinkers to exchange ideas and envision the future of the region through multimedia storytelling and solutions-oriented research.
- Pitch and report stories weekly and contribute writing and research for long-term and grant-funded projects. Assisted with aspects of multimedia, socials, graphics, audio.
- Combined historical research & traditional reporting on Detroit's Chinatown, Midwest rail transit, Chicago's Pedway.
- Gained experience in social media, multimedia, and data presentation tools.

Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA), Ambassador

East Lansing, Mich.; July 2025

- Assisted with instruction of advanced writing class, Art of Storytelling. Coached and edited 26 students alongside Columbia Scholastic Press Association National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year Julia Satterthwaite.

Michigan Public (NPR), Stateside Production Assistant

Ann Arbor, Mich.; June – December 2024

- Conducted weekly pre-interviews, researched, and booked guests for daily show. Wrote two daily full-show and podcast posts per week, and coordinated with host on host-preps and briefings. Reported and produced eight-minute [audio postcard](#) on MSU Campus Archaeology Program.
- Produced 21-minute episode titled "Gen Z's political power" as a part of [special election podcast series](#), "What the Vote?" on Gen-Z in 2024 elections, reported entirely by Gen-Z interns. Created promotional materials for series.
- Episode achieved 8,000+ downloads in less than a week, and more through streaming/broadcast. 1,000 downloads is generally considered a successful podcast for a station of Michigan Public's size.
- "Gen Z's political power" nationally [featured](#) on NPR's All Things Considered on Oct. 19, 2024.

East Lansing Info (ELi), Director at Large

East Lansing, Mich.; December 2021 – August 2023

- Asked by founder to serve as youth/student voice on Board of Directors. Learned about nonprofit management, board meetings, and fundraising for a news organization. Met quarterly.
- Served on board after East Lansing Info lost its executive director and managing editor, resulting in summer shutdown. Helped search for and evaluate candidates for both positions and resumed publication. Met monthly for nearly a year.

East Lansing Info, Youth Reporter

East Lansing, Mich.; September 2020 – August 2023

- Wrote and pitched 16 stories. Covered community outreach and support events as well as various features and news. Used FOIA.
 - Invited as a reporter following participation in ELi's introductory journalism program for high school students. Only high school journalist on otherwise professional staff, including PhDs, MSJs, and other local journalists.
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University, Research Assistant

East Lansing, Mich.; June – December 2022

- Cataloged and interpreted 30+ previously unresearched archived FBI files from the World War II era relating to the Japanese and Japanese American curfew violators during World War II. Evaluated reasons for curfew violations.
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EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Legal Education Advancement Project, Engagement Officer

May 2026 – present

- Create engaging programming to advance LEAP's mission of educating the community on the law and their rights.

Asian American Student Journalists (AAJA Northwestern Chapter), Events Chair

April 2026 – present

- Plan speaker events, workshops and social events for the club. Coordinate with Medill and other affinity groups.

Asian Pacific American Coalition, Community Relations Chair

March 2026 – present

- Maintain and create partnerships with Chicago-area nonprofits, community organizations, and other student organizations through

- meetings, phone calls, and volunteer coordination.
- Plan and execute outreach, including coordinating 6+ independent student artists, for one of Evanston’s largest art festivals.

Northwestern University Marching Band, Section Leader *March 2024 – present*

- Oversaw and instructed 12 college musicians. First point of contact for newcomers. Taught music and choreography.

Asian American Journalists Association, JCamp *July 2022*

- Selected out of hundreds of applicants for AAJA’s flagship high school program.

AWARDS & CONFERENCES

AAJA, *National conventions in 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026*

RTDNA, Regional [Edward R. Murrow Award](#) in “Podcast” (Large Market Radio) for “What the Vote?” *May 2025*

Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB), [Merit Award](#) in “Mini Documentary or Series” for “What the Vote?” *February 2025*

MAB, [Best In Category](#) in “Use of Multiplatform Media – Promotional/Membership Materials” *February 2025*

MIPA, [Statewide Student Journalist Staff](#) *March 2023*

MIPA, *1st Place Individual Contest Award (x5) in photography and writing categories* *2021 – 2023*

SKILLS

Adobe: Premiere Pro and Audition. **Content Management Systems:** NPR GroveCMS, WordPress, NewsBoss.

Spanish: Intermediate Proficiency. **French:** Limited beginner proficiency. **Other skills:** Salesforce (CatConnect), Nexis Uni (LexisNexis) **GSuite/Google Workspace**

Certifications

CITI: Export Compliance, Research Security, Human Research Protections, HIPAA, Security and Privacy.