

Yasmeen Saadi

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EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Columbia

August 2021 to May 2025

Bachelor of Journalism, Minors in Spanish and Music | Stamps Scholar

3.98 GPA

- Investigative Reporting, Computer Assisted Reporting, Fundamentals of Data Reporting (skills: open records requests, Excel and Google Sheets, SQL)

HONORS

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Atlatomulco, Mexico

English Assistant

September 2025 to May 2026

- Designed and led workshops at the Universidad Politécnica de Atlatomulco, attended by over 140 students; Assisted with classroom activities/presentations for 25 hours a week.
- Completed a 6-week course on US/Mexico relations at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.
- Volunteered at Niños de Bobashi, conducted interviews and edited videos for the communications team.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Investigative Project on Race and Equity

Chicago, IL

Dow Jones News Fund Data Reporting Intern

June 2025 to August 2025

- Filed over 20 FOIA requests; analyzed data to pitch and begin initial reporting for two accountability stories.
- Attended immigration court hearings; participated in weekly training sessions on cleaning and analyzing data.

Columbia Missourian

Columbia, MO

Assistant City Editor

August 2024 to May 2025

- Edited 130+ stories; assigned GA stories and managed several reporters each shift; worked 15-25 hours per week.
- Worked with K-12 Education/Youth reporters on beat coverage, edited School Board and feature stories.

IndyStar

Indianapolis, IN

Crime/Breaking News Pulliam Fellow

June 2024 to August 2024

- Wrote homicide profiles; reported on women's involvement in [straw purchasing](#) and [missing peoples' cases](#).
- Attended training sessions on Parse.ly and engagement analytics.

Columbia Missourian

Columbia, MO

K-12 Education/Youth Reporter

January 2024 to May 2024

- Reported consistently on [district attendance area realignment](#); covered local School Board and its elections.

The Wire India

New Delhi, India

Reporting Intern

September 2023 to December 2023

- Curated pieces for the assignment desk daily; wrote regular updates on the war in Gaza.
- Pitched and reported stories on air pollution's impact on the working class and G20's impact on Delhi's slums.

Oklahoma Watch

Oklahoma City, OK

Investigative Intern

June 2023 to August 2023

- Pitched and carried out a personal investigative project on [youth homelessness](#) in rural Oklahoma | Story became OW's most read story of 2023 and won third place in feature writing at the Oklahoma Press Association Awards.

The Daily Yonder

Remote

Rural Reporting Intern

June 2022 to December 2022

- Pitched and reported 2-3 stories a month, including how Muslims struggled for resources in [rural Kansas](#); scripted and voiced 2 radio segments; redesigned multiple website landing pages on WordPress.

KOMU 8 News

Columbia, MO

Production Assistant

January 2022 to May 2022

- Worked directly with producers; cut videos and attached to rundown; ran teleprompter for live broadcasts.

AWARDS AND RESEARCH

Second Place Award in [Breaking News](#)

2025 Missouri Press Association

Third Place Award in [Feature Writing](#)

2023 Oklahoma Press Association

[Reynolds Journalism Institute](#) Research Assistant

September 2022 to February 2023, Columbia, MO

Investigative Research Fellow to Mark Horvit

September 2021 to May 2023, Columbia, MO