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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Global History, minor in Data Science, June 2025

- GPA: 3.92 / 4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Seattle Times

Graphics Intern

Seattle

June 2025 - Present

- Coding interactive storytelling experiences in HTML/CSS and JavaScript for a variety of coverage areas, including [metro](#), [features](#), [sports](#) and investigations
- Designing 2-4 static graphics per week for print and digital platforms using Adobe Illustrator and Datawrapper
- Reporting and writing independent environmental enterprise stories, including conducting data analysis and creating graphics

San Francisco Chronicle

Design Intern

San Francisco

January 2025 - March 2025

- Built a non-developer-friendly “click to publish” template for storytelling with a [single detail-rich image](#), allowing designers to set zoom and pan points with scrollytelling text overlays. Worked with a Chronicle archivist to leverage the paper’s vast [photo collection](#).
- Developed custom components in React.js for digital projects, including an animated horizontal scrollytelling component for a piece about the [Eaton Fire’s impact on downtown Altadena](#)
- Coded internal newsroom tools to streamline workflow between developers and non-design teams, including an automatic ArchieML tag generator for React components and a new mobile-forward template for photo stories

Inc. Magazine

American Society of Magazine Editors Editorial Intern

New York

June 2024 - August 2024

- Wrote three to four quick hits weekly surrounding entrepreneurship, the future of work, family-owned businesses and economic trends
- Crafted in-depth features, including profiles of a fifth-generation [family fireworks business](#) and a [founder-oriented running club](#)
- Analyzed Inc. 5000 data in R to create a [data-driven enterprise story](#) about America’s up-and-coming entrepreneurial hubs
- Coded a new scrollytelling article template for sales-related stories and integrated data visualizations into digital content

Medill Local News Accelerator (LNA)

Fellow

Chicago

November 2023 - June 2024

- Worked with eight Chicago newsrooms to improve their content and business strategies, research insights and product development
- Conducted more than 50 man-on-the-street interviews across Chicago to identify readers of partner newsrooms and collect feedback
- Deployed Qualtrics surveys to advance newsrooms’ audience outreach initiatives; combined insights with Nielsen-Scarborough data
- Developed [LNA’s home website](#) in HTML/CSS and JavaScript

Investigate Midwest

Dow Jones News Fund Data Journalism Intern

Remote

June 2023 - September 2023

- Wrote several data-driven investigative features using agricultural databases and FOIA documents to advance Investigate Midwest’s mission of covering agribusiness’ impact on people and the environment
- Analyzed government data to create weekly interactive data visualizations about recent agricultural trends and regulatory changes

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Data Journalism Collective

Co-founder and Co-president

Evanston, Ill.

November 2023 - June 2025

- Founded a student organization to create a space for students interested in data journalism to learn together
- Led weekly work sessions for students to collaborate and hosted data journalists as guest speakers quarterly

The Daily Northwestern

Digital Managing Editor

Evanston, Ill.

March 2023 - June 2023

- Edited all content from digital desks (audio, video, data visualization, newsletter, socials) for daily production and special editions

Data Visualization Editor

January 2023 - March 2023

- Founded new data desk responsible for integrating charts, maps, timelines and data-driven writing into the Daily
- Supervised desk operations four nights per week and trained 20+ staff members on Flourish, Datawrapper and ArcGIS

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Skills: HTML/CSS, JavaScript, React.js, R, Adobe Illustrator, Datawrapper, ArcGIS, Google Sheets, photography
- Interests: Fiber art crafts, cooking new recipes, biking, reading, exploring local neighborhoods, playing violin