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EDUCATION

UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, **May 2026**, Master of Journalism, Investigative and Data Reporting
American University, Washington, DC **May 2024** Bachelor of Arts, Journalism

AWARDS

2025 Investigative Reporters & Editors NICAR Scholarship Recipient
2023 American University School of Communication's Outstanding Student Award
2022 American News Women's Club Scholarship Winner with recipient Bob Woodward

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Immigration Reporter, **Mother Jones Magazine,** San Francisco, California **June 2025 - Present**
- Reported breaking news on the federal deployment announcement in the Bay Area, providing live on-the-ground coverage through stand-ups and social-media updates for Mother Jones' digital platforms.
- Captured and transmitted field footage in real time for publication's social channels, coordinating with editors during live coverage to ensure accurate and rapid updates.
- Delivered live tweets and short-form dispatches contextualizing unfolding events for Mother Jones' online audience.
- Pitched and led an ongoing investigative project with print and audio elements on how immigration enforcement is unfolding across the Bay Area, including embedded reporting with community-led defense networks.

Data Fellow, **Tampa Bay Times,** Tampa, Florida **May 2025- September 2025**
- Produced explanatory graphics analyzing how Florida became the only state to experience a major shift from ACA Marketplace enrollment rather than Medicaid under President Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill."
- Built and merged datasets from FEMA and the Census Bureau to identify Tampa Bay neighborhoods with the highest social vulnerability and historic hurricane-damage losses.
- Created data visualizations and interactive maps using Mapbox, R, and Python to illustrate storm-damage trends and social-vulnerability concentrations by census tract.
- Collaborated with the investigative team under editor Rebecca Woolington, compiling a comprehensive dataset on Florida law-enforcement agencies participating in the federal 287(g) program.
- Filed and tracked public-records requests for 287(g) nomination lists and individual officer Internal Affairs files to examine racial-profiling and misconduct allegations under the program's expansion.

Reporter, **Investigative Reporting Program,** Berkeley, California **January 2025 - Present**
- Reporting and writing an explainer on family councils in California, contextualizing their origins, operations, and why the state has some of the strongest legislative protections for family participation in long-term care facilities.
- Investigate the impact of federal Temporary Protected Status (TPS) rollbacks on Florida caregivers, highlighting how changes in immigration policy threaten the state's long-term care workforce.
- Analyze federal grant and program data to evaluate the effects of recent funding changes and agency restructuring on services for older Americans.

Data Reporter, **Richmond Confidential,** Richmond, California **August 2024-December 2024**
- Report and produce data-driven stories on housing, environment, education, and local politics in Richmond and Contra Costa County
- Co-authored a two-part investigative series on WCCUSD enrollment decline and test-score disparities, analyzing CAASPP data, attendance rates, and teacher credential records to expose inequities across schools.

- Created interactive visualizations for the election explainer breaking down how Richmond voted in the 2024 general election, connecting city-level trends to national results.
- Reported on California Proposition 33, blending data and narrative reporting to show how rent-control expansion could impact cost-burdened Richmond tenants.
- Covered breaking news such as the Chevron diesel spill, verifying regulatory data and agency statements to clarify the impacts of this spill under deadline pressure.

Investigative Fellow, **USATODAY,** Washington, DC **May 2024- August 2024**
- Produced an in-depth piece on national dam-safety vulnerabilities and how communities living downstream of aging infrastructure, for example, the Rapidan Dam in Minnesota that face elevated risk due to structural decay, flood-related failures and under-investment in mitigation.
- Contributed to building a comprehensive spreadsheet for an investigation into Canary Mission, which targeted and doxxed pro-Palestinian protesters.
- Produced breaking news and supported team investigations that translated complex and data-driven findings into clear, accessible journalism for a national audience.

Reporting Fellow, **Investigative Reporting Workshop,** Washington, DC **May 2023-January 2025**
- Reported and wrote a solo byline investigation for *Mother Jones*, *"The Biggest Backlog in the U.S. Diversity Visa Program May Be All the Broken Promises,"* exposing systemic dysfunction in the Diversity Visa process through data analysis, public records, and interviews with affected families.
- Built and organized the master spreadsheet that served as the foundation for the Post's interactive database, compiling and cleaning clemency records, political-donor data, and public filings to support the visual analysis.
- Served as a researcher for *The Washington Post*'s investigative team, assisting on national projects involving gun violence and education; transcribed and translated more than 10 hours of Spanish-language interviews for accuracy and accessibility.
- Filed public-records requests for incident reports, police filings, and supplemental documentation for every U.S. school shooting dating back to Columbine, contributing to the Post's comprehensive database on gun violence in schools.

Editorial Intern, **CNBC DC Bureau**, Washington, DC **January 2023-May 2024**
- Pitched and produced digital stories for CNBC.com and CNBC Make It, including a feature on the looming TikTok ban and its potential impact on millions of small businesses built on the app.
- Monitored and transcribed congressional hearings and budget sessions, including Senate hearings on AI regulation and the CHIPS Act, ensuring reporters had accurate quotes and context for coverage.
- Assisted producers at live locations and stakeouts across Washington, DC — including Capitol Hill and the White House — helping coordinate live shots and rapid-response coverage.

News Intern, **Telemundo 44 & NBC4**, Washington, DC **August 2022-December 2022**
- Participate in daily editorial process: planning, researching, newsgathering, logging, writing and editing with programs like Dalet Galaxy, LMX, and Adobe Premiere Pro
- Helped and produced daily breaking news video packages and scripts
- Shadow producers and assignment editors and participated in studio anchor sessions individual news stories for demo reels and online

SKILLS AND AFFILIATIONS
- *Computer*: Microsoft Office, iNews, Stratus, LexisNexis, Microsoft Excel, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, SQL, Python, CSS, HTML, and R.
- *Language*: Fluent in English and Spanish
- *Affiliations:* IRE (Member), NAHJ - Berkeley (Member), NAHJ - American University (Founding President)

REFERENCES

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