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New Haven, CT

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT (Expected graduation May 2021)

- Expected Bachelor of Arts: Double major in History & Political Science.
- *Relevant Coursework*: “Ethics of Journalism,” “Writing About Other Worlds,” (long-form reporting) “Media & Conflict,” “Presidential Campaigns & the Media,” “Reading and Writing the Modern Essay.”

International School of Manila, Manila, Philippines (Graduated May 2017)

- High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Yale Daily News, Yale University, New Haven, CT

- *Editor-in-Chief and President (Sept. 2019-Present)*: Oversees the Yale Daily News’ daily production for 40 hours a week, as well as a staff of 200 and budget of \$360,000. Makes ethical journalistic decisions and final content calls, as well as proofs the opinion page. Responds to concerns as the face of the paper. Pushes forward long-term projects to support the News’ diversity, multimedia, digital, internal culture, and content-related goals. Led the paper through a phase of unexpected remote production due to coronavirus.
- *Beat Reporter, Cops and Courts (Sept. 2018-Sept. 2019)*: Wrote 3-6 articles weekly. Reported on policing and law in New Haven, including campus and city crime, immigration, Yale and New Haven police internal affairs, and criminal justice reform. Writer’s page can be found [here](#).
- *Co-Director, Yale Daily News Summer Journalism Program* (March 2019 – Aug. 2019): Oversaw planning and instruction of high school journalism program for around 60 students.
- *Associate Beat Reporter, Policing in New Haven (Aug. 2017 – Sept. 2018)*: Covered city and campus crime, as well as police strategy and internal affairs. Took general assignments.

Washington Post, *Incoming Foreign Desk Reporting Intern*, Washington, D.C.

- *Incoming Bradlee Fellow*: Selected to report on the Foreign Desk as one of two Bradlee Fellows, in recognition of the late Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee. Summer internship postponed due to coronavirus.

Toledo Blade, *Reporting intern*, Toledo, OH (Summer 2019)

- Reported on local stories from features to breaking news. Sent on individual assignment to Elyria, OH to cover a national story about a libel trial that awarded a local bakery \$44 million-dollar from Oberlin College.

Philippine Daily Inquirer, *Reporting Intern*, Quezon City, Philippines (Summer 2018)

- Helped cover the presidential beat and metro beat for Quezon City, focusing specifically on crime and the national drug war. Attended presidential press conferences, police press briefings, economic forums, and national rallies. Visited jails and holding cells to report on national prison conditions and criminal justice.

The Politic, Yale University, New Haven, CT

- *Senior Staff Writer (March 2019-Present)*: Pitches, reports and writes long-form and investigative pieces for Yale’s political journal. Reported long-form piece inspired award-winning documentary *120 Years* about a New Haven wrongful conviction case. Writer’s page can be found [here](#).
- *Associate Editor (March 2018-March 2019)*: Pitched, reported and edited long-form pieces on local, national, and international politics. Worked closely with writers through writing and editing process.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Yale Admissions Office & Visitor Center, *Tour Guide*, Yale University, New Haven, CT (Feb. 2018-Present)

- Holds paid campus tours 2-4 times weekly for potential students and campus visitors, and represents Yale as an ambassador. Selected as one of 25 guides from 300+ auditionees.

Yale Undergraduate Prison Project, *Tutor*, Cheshire, CT (Oct. 2017-Present)

- Teaches weekly at high-security facility for sentenced and unsentenced juvenile offenders. Prepares lessons to help students obtain their General Education Development certificate while incarcerated.

Office of the College International Students, *Counselor*, Yale University, New Haven, CT (Aug. 2018)

- Led group of international first-year students and assisted their adjustment to college life.