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EDUCATION

Cornell Law School

JD Candidate

GPA: 3.44/4.00

Activities: ACLU Cornell Law Chapter, APALSA 1L Rep, Corporate Connect, NALSA, National Lawyers Guild

Ithaca, NY

May 2026

New York University

BA in Journalism, Politics; Minor in French Language.

GPA: 3.65/4.00, *magna cum laude*

Activities: NYU Figure Skating Team; Study Abroad: Paris, France

New York, NY

Jan. 2016

EXPERIENCE

First Amendment Clinic

Law Student Intern

Ithaca, NY

Aug. 2023 – Present

- Draft Public Records Act complaint against municipal police after denial of bodycam and dashcam requests.
- Strategize filing timeline with supervising attorneys, outside counsel, journalist clients during weekly meetings.
- Advise media organizations on achieving for nonprofit status and implementing “Right to Be Forgotten” policies.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Freelance Writer

Remote/New York, NY

Jan. 2023 – Apr. 2023

- Coordinated with cross-functional stakeholders and international clients to lead publication efforts on an external report regarding scientific grants and increasing equitable access to remote communities in Brazil.

Business of Design Week (BODW+)

Freelance Writer

Remote/Hong Kong

Sept. 2022 – Nov. 2022

- Liaised with Hong Kong-based manager on time-sensitive assignments and overnight interviews with subjects.
- Crafted profiles and conducted interviews with CEOs and industry leaders in innovation and sustainability spaces.

Jessica Yellin’s News Not Noise

Freelance Producer; Podcasts

Remote/New York, NY

Mar. 2022 – Jul. 2022

- Prepared white paper research, developed line of questioning, guided editorial direction for guest interviews.
- Wrote scripts, paper edits, and promotional social media copy for weekly podcast show on tight deadlines.

CBS | Inside Edition Digital

Producer, Special Projects

New York, NY

Mar. 2022 – Jul. 2023

- Supervised end-to-end production of short documentaries focusing on policy and human-interest narratives.
- Produced on location while directing scenes, overseeing freelance crews, and communicating with stakeholders.
- Interviewed sensitive subjects, managed talent relationships, pitched leadership by using utmost professionalism.
- Supported professional development initiatives by mentoring interns on emotive writing and ethical reporting.
- Shaped streaming strategy for legacy broadcast and digital platforms with support of business intelligence teams.

Digital Reporter

Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2022

- Edited on deadline for 12+ journalists, molded daily coverage, curated platform homepage for maximum impact.
- Leveraged SEO strategy and editorial discretion to achieve up to 100x visibility and engagement over 3 years.
- Presented segments on camera for on-site and YouTube audiences, reaching an impressive 11 million subscribers.
- Coordinated remote field production, crew operations, talent booking, and live stand-ups for nationwide shoots.

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

Languages: native fluency in Cantonese, English; proficient in French, Mandarin.

Interests: documentaries, crosswords, Wordle, cooking, health podcasts, Asian American Journalists Association