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EXPERIENCE

Morristown Green, Morristown, NJ
Reporting Intern | Reporting Intern, May–Aug. 2026; Contributing Reporter, Sept. 2026–Present

- Report and write stories (more than 20 to date) on local government, courts, arts, and community.
- Cover court hearings, review case documents, and interview attorneys to distill lengthy proceedings into clear, accurate stories filed the same day
- Cover breaking stories such as ICE activity and arrests
- Interviewed U.S. Rep. Analilia Mejia (D-N.J.) ahead of her primary and wrote a profile combining her interview, campaign finance figures, and district election history
- Covered the Morristown Jazz Festival from open to close, interviewed more than 20 performers, organizers, and attendees, then wrote and filed a 1,200-word feature for the next morning's publication

Boston Political Review, Boston, MA
Staff Writer | January 2026 to Present

- Write non-partisan explanatory articles on U.S. politics for a student-run political magazine, including an analysis of President Trump's use of the clemency power that drew on pardon records and an interview with an expert

The Daily Free Press, Boston, MA
Staff Writer | September 2026 to Present

- Report on campus and city issues for Boston University's independent student newspaper, including a story on student perspectives on artificial intelligence, drawing on interviews with seven students

End of Elm, Morristown, NJ
Host and Server (part-time) | Summers 2025 and 2026

- Worked in a fast-paced restaurant, serving guests while working with a team

EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, MA
Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Minor in Political Science Expected May 2028 | GPA: 3.74 | Dean's List (every semester)

- College of General Studies, Graduate, 2024-2026 | Interdisciplinary core program; semester-long research capstone on environmental justice
- *Relevant Coursework:* Newswriting, Law and Ethics of Journalism, Photojournalism, History and Principles of Journalism

SKILLS

- **Reporting:** AP Stylebook, interviewing, source development, fact-checking, court and legal reporting, live event coverage, political analysis
- **Multimedia:** Photography; photo and video editing (Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, Illustrator)
- **Certifications:** Microsoft Office (LinkedIn Learning), AI at BU, IBM Generative AI