

Areena Arora

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EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism
Master of Science Data Journalism candidate

Expected graduation: August 2022

- Interested in reporting on environment justice, climate crisis and infrastructure
- Earned honors in Media Ethics class
- **Masters project:** Investigating New York City's stormwater upgrade plans

Ohio Wesleyan University
Bachelor of Arts 2017

EXPERIENCE

Senior Sub-Editor | Dec. 2019 - July 2021

InMobi Glance, Bengaluru, India (Curated feed for mobile lock screens)

- Co-managed a team of six that created customized news feed for users in India, Singapore, and US
- Covered 2020 US elections and awarded after annual performance review
- Re-wrote news stories as blurbs in 150 or less characters and won employee of the year award

News Publishing Specialist | Jul 2018 - Dec. 2019

Reuters, Bengaluru, India

- Redesigned weekly Brexit newsletter and daily financial newsletter on bond market and forex market
- Curated and published financial and political news on Reuters and Refinitiv's proprietary wire-service Eikon. Trained in company news reporting

Reporter | June 2017 - April 2018

Idaho Press, Nampa, Idaho (local daily newspaper)

- Covered city hall, local elections and businesses
- Uncovered delays in construction projects and navigated the city's 'media policy' designed to avoid interviews

Managing Editor | Jan 2016 - Dec 2016

The Transcript Delaware, OH (college newspaper)

- Led an investigative reporting project and covered an Edward Snowden talk. Got recognized by SPJ for faculty news accountability coverage.

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SELECT PROJECTS - code available on GitHub

- Built a searchable dataset of five newsrooms' style guides
- Inspected a database of New York City employees to investigate pay disparities
- Scraped data on all laws passed in New York in a decade

SKILLS

- **Data analysis:** Python (Pandas, BeautifulSoup, Selenium), SQL
- **Data visualization and mapping:** Adobe Illustrator, QGIS, Web mapping, D3

TALK

Lightning talk at NICAR 2022 in Atlanta

AWARDS

OpenNews Scholarships+

February 2022

OpenNews funding to attend NICAR 2022

Shobhana Bhartia Fellowship

August 2020

Idaho Press Club

Business Reporting

May 2019

Third place

Chicago Tribune Foundation

fellowship

February 2018

Attended NICAR 2018 in Chicago

William R. Diem award

April 2017

Outstanding journalism graduate

LANGUAGES

Fluent in **Hindi** and **Punjabi**

ORGANIZATIONS

Vice President, SAJA at CJS

Member: IRE, NAHJ and Ida B. Wells Society