Areena Arora

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EXPERIENCE

Data and Investigative Reporter | September 2022 - Present
Knox News, Knoxville, Tennessee

- Create and manage databases to have available as needed
- Create visuals to aid other reporters' stories
- Part of newsroom's Table Stakes program team focused on building solutions to increase subscriber base

Senior Sub-Editor | December 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

News Publishing Specialist | July 2018 - December 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.

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 | January 2016 - December 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.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism
Master of Science Data Journalism, August 2022

- Earned honors in Media Ethics class
- **Masters project**: Investigated New York City's stormwater upgrade plans

Ohio Wesleyan University
Bachelor of Arts, May 2017

SELECT PROJECTS

- Built a searchable dataset of five newsrooms' style guides
- Inspected a database of New York City employees to investigate pay disparities
- Currently building a web app using Svelte

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, 2021-2022
Member: IRE and Ida B. Wells Society