

Tara Mobasher

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism

September 2023 – August 2024

Master's of Science in Journalism – Specialization in Social Justice and Solutions

Chicago

- Ida Shapiro Scholar

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

May 2023

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Minor in Criminology, Law and Society

Champaign, Ill.

- Dean's List: Fall 2021, Florence Hood Miner Scholarship recipient, Daily Illini Journalism Scholarship recipient

EXPERIENCE

Borderless Magazine

Reporter and Medill Fellow, Chicago

April 2024 – Present

- Aid the magazine with community engagement through expanding field canvasser program
- Report on immigration news across the city
- Distribute resources to new arrivals through tabling at local events
- Compile weekly newsletters to keep readers up-to-date
- Helped write and manage social media

Freelance

Reporter and Writer, Chicago

October 2023 – Present

- Reported on [local concerns of the bedbug epidemic](#) being spread from Paris Fashion Week to Chicago thrift stores
- Reported on Chicago bookstores' reactions to nationwide book bannings through the lens of a local author

Club Rambutan

January 2024 – June 2024

Developmental Writer, Copy-Editor (Remote)

- Wrote articles related to identity and intersectionality surrounding the common theme of beauty
- Edited the stories of all developmental writers for clarity and grammar

Writers Workshop

Writing Consultant, Champaign, Ill.

January 2023 – May 2023

- Tutored 10+ undergraduate and graduate students in writing per week
- Assisted students across all fields with personal statements, essays, thesis papers, etc.
- Strengthened writing skills by reading papers for grammar, sentence structure, organization and content

MXDWN

Entertainment News Writer (Remote)

May 2020 – July 2022

- Wrote and published more than 500 stories about television and music-related news
- Collaborated with news director to help train newer staff members
- Applied and polished writing skills by writing five total stories per week

WPGU 107.1 FM

News Correspondent, Champaign, Ill.

January 2020 – May 2023

Sports Editor, Champaign, Ill.

September 2022 – May 2023

- Informed the public of local and national news by writing news stories for air
- Utilized Adobe Audition to compile and record newscasts once a week for broadcast
- Proofread and edited all news stories within the sports beat to ensure factual accuracy

Unity in Action Magazine

Writer, Video Editor; (Remote)

October 2020 – May 2022

- Curated news stories within a criminal justice beat
- Refined video editing skills by compiling video packages for the newsroom's website
- Led a team of graphic designers to re-design the magazine's website for its re-launch

The Daily Illini

Assistant Video Editor, Videographer, Champaign, Ill.

October 2019 – May 2022

- Curated video packages for *The Daily Illini* website and social media pages
- Assisted video editor throughout leading video team meetings
- Strengthened delegation skills by leading a team of videographers

SKILLS

Publishing: Proficient with AP Style, Copy-Editing

Computer: Proficient with HTML, Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite, Google, MailChimp, Canva

Social Media: Writing & Management, Twitter, Instagram, Tiktok, FaceBook, Snapchat, LinkedIn, YouTube

General: Field Canvassing, Design, Management