# **Owen Berg**

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## **EDUCATION**

**New York University** New York, NY

Masters of Arts in Journalism (Studio 20: Digital First)

**Miami University** 

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media Studies, Minor in Fashion

**Yonsei University** 

Yonsei International Summer School

Dec 2023 Oxford, OH May 2022 Seoul, South Korea May-Aug 2019

#### **PROJECTS**

## **Audience Engagement Consultant** - THE CITY (Studio 20)

2023

I designed a strategy to deliver THE CITY's service journalism to offline audiences through postcards and flyers. I tested multiple print delivery strategies for delivering three of their service articles to new readers, and compiled a report, resource pack, and guidebook for delivering service journalism to new readers through offline strategies. An article about my project was published in NiemanLab.

## Researcher & Designer - Social Media for Solutions Journalism (Studio 20)

2023

I conducted platform research, conducted interviews and produced original journalism for a guidebook to delivering solutions journalism through social media. Our guide and stories were presented to the founders of the Solutions Journalism Network.

## **Audience Engagement Researcher** - The Miami Student (IMS 224)

2020

I designed a new social media content strategy for The Miami Student. I analyzed social media history, designed formats for new social media posts and conducted usability tests with audience members to arrive at a set of recommendations.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**NBCUniversal** New York, NY

Digital Art & Photo Intern, NBC News Group

June 2023 - Aug 2023

- Produced illustrations and curated photography for content published on NBCNews.com, TODAY.com and MSNBC.com.
- Art directed a multi-story package for MSNBC's ReidOut Blog
- Communicated with staff across the newsroom to prepare visuals and upload them to NBC's content management system
- Conducted photo research for long-term projects

**Cincinnati Magazine** Cincinnati, OH Digital Media Intern June 2020 - Aug 2020

Wrote news articles covering the Cincinnati area during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Published content to cincinnatimagazine.com using WordPress
- Scheduled posts for sponsored content on Twitter and Facebook

#### **The Miami Student**

Design Editor, Style Editor, Writer

Aug 2018 - March 2022

- Wrote new social media content strategy based on audience research
- Led supportive group critique sessions with student designers
- Influenced major decisions about the newspaper's shift to focusing on digital content
- Increased collaboration between the design section and the rest of the newsroom, leading to greater efficiency
- Designed print layouts and produced illustrations using Adobe Creative Suite
- Led a team of writers for a monthly section covering fashion and lifestyle
- Wrote articles for the news, culture, opinion, entertainment and style sections

# **SKILLS & EXPERTISE**

Audience Engagement, Social Media Strategy, Solutions Journalism, Data Visualization, Graphic Design, Photo Illustration, Art Direction, UX/UI Research, Prototyping, Music Production, Writing & Reporting (AP Style), Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Figma, Tableau, Ableton & Logic Pro, Microsoft Office & Google Docs

#### **AWARDS**

First Place: AEJMC ICD Student International Multimedia News Story Contest (2021): "The cost of anti-Asian racism" for JRN 303 First Place, Photo Illustration: Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards (2020): "Miami slow to isolate sick students" for The Miami Student