Helen Jennifer Zhao

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California M.S. Journalism Honors: Dean's Scholar, full-tuition scholarship

University of California Los Angeles B.A. English

Graduated: 2012

Graduated: 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

CNBC, Rotating News Associate, Englewood Cliffs, NJ & New York, NY

Sept 2017 - Present

- Digital Video Producer, CNBCMakelt.com (Oct 2018 Present)
- Report, shoot, edit original videos on entrepreneurship, careers, personal finance, celebs for website & social channels
- Shoot in the field and in the studio using DSLR cameras, lighting, audio
- Pitched, reported, shot original video garnering over 8 million views on Facebook
- Edit weekly videos highlighting contestants from CNBC's Deal or No Deal

Digital Video Producer, CNBC.com (June 2018 - Oct 2018)

- Edit breaking news videos and feature news videos
- Pitch, report, and edit longer form original video such as this 6-min piece
- Edit mash-ups of TV content on trending topics, including corporate earnings and cryptocurrency
- Wrote 2 to 4 scripts per day for quick-turn "Bottom Line" breaking news videos

Assignment Desk Producer (May - June 2018)

- Build live reporter hits using graphics and video; coordinate between show and field producers and on-air reporters Breaking News and Enterprise Writer (Jan - May 2018)
- Pitch, report and write breaking news and enterprise stories for CNBC.com <u> "Squawk Box" Segment Producer (Sept - Dec 2017)</u>
- Pitch, book, and bring to air (research/pre-interview/build TV graphics) live guest segments for flagship morning show
- Trigger stock charts in control room on-the-fly; manage Facebook and Twitter accounts

Los Angeles Business Journal, Residential Real Estate Reporter, Los Angeles, CA Jan 2017 - June 2017

- Pitch, report and write 2 in-depth investigative stories and 3 4 breaking news web stories per week
- Real estate section consistently most read with most unique page views per week

Los Angeles Times, Business News Fellow, Los Angeles, CA

June 2016 - Sept 2016

- Report enterprise stories and breaking news, from Tesla autopilot crash to Apple iPhone ban in China
- Report, shoot and edit video packages to accompany my stories and colleagues' stories

KCET, Social Video Journalist, Los Angeles, CA

Jan 2016 - June 2016

- Report, shoot, edit, host Facebook video series #SheMeansBusiness on biz econ topics for millennials
- Pitched all story ideas and branding, monitored analytics to glean actionable insights, quadrupled video views

USC Annenberg Media, Multimedia Journalist, USC, Los Angeles, CA

Aug 2015 – May 2016

- Report day-of-air stories for TV, radio, and web, including graphics, data visualizations, and social media widgets
- Produce breaking news & explainer videos for Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram
- Report, shoot, edit behind the scenes videos for "Inside the Media Center" series

The Huffington Post, Contributing Writer and Video Producer, Los Angeles, CA	Feb 2016 – March 2017
ABC News, Freelance Video Journalist, Los Angeles, CA	Nov 2015 – Dec 2015
Beach TV, Video Journalist, Cal State Long Beach, CA	Jan 2015 – May 2015
Daily Mail, Multimedia Journalist, Los Angeles, CA	Dec 2013 – July 2015
Peoria Journal Star, Reporting Intern, Peoria, IL	Jan 2013 – June 2013
NPR, Morning Edition Intern, Los Angeles, CA	Jan 2012 – May 2012
The Daily Bruin, Video Journalist, Radio Reporter & Host, UCLA	Jan 2011 – Mar 2012

SKILLS

Technical: Proficient in Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Lightroom, Audition, Wordpress, working knowledge of HTML and CSS Languages: Fluent Mandarin