# 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: 2016

Graduated: 2012

**WORK EXPERIENCE** 

CNBC Make It, Associate Video Producer, New York, NY

Oct 2018 – Present

- Report, host, script, shoot, edit 10 15 min explainer videos w/ hundreds of thousands to 1 million+ views on YouTube
- Shoot, edit, script 6+ min verité style character-driven videos for "Millennial Money" series
- Shoot and edit 1 3 min videos featuring advice from finance experts, business leaders and celebrities
- Produced, hosted original videos garnering 7 million views on Facebook and 9 million views on Facebook
- Shoot in studio and in the field using Canon 5D Mark IV, C100, C300 cameras
- One of two chosen to voiceover CNBC Make It explainer videos and CNBC TV ads for Make It content
- Employee of the Month for February 2019, "Going the Extra Mile" Award in March 2020
- Promoted in June 2019 from rotating news associate performing exact same duties

# CNBC, Rotating News Associate, Englewood Cliffs, NJ Digital Video Producer, CNBC.com (June 2018 - Oct 2018)

Sept 2017 - April 2019

- Report, write, edit 3 6 min feature news videos and breaking news videos
- Edit mash-ups of TV content on trending topics, including corporate earnings and cryptocurrency
- Write 2 to 4 scripts per day for quick-turn "Bottom Line" breaking news videos

# Assignment Desk Producer (May - June 2018)

- Bring <u>live reporter hits</u> to air by building graphic and video elements in iNews, coordinating w/ field + show producers **Breaking News and Enterprise Writer (Jan May 2018)**
- Pitch, report and write <u>breaking news</u> and <u>enterprise stories</u> for CNBC.com on stocks, cryptocurrency, corporate earnings, politics, natural disaster

### "Squawk Box" Segment Producer (Sept - Dec 2017)

- Pitch, book, bring to air (research/pre-interview/build elements in iNews) live guest segments for flagship morning show
- Trigger stock charts and build on-air graphics in control room on-the-fly, especially during breaking news
- Manage Facebook and Twitter accounts, posting breaking news updates and social video clips

#### LA 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 business 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, host, shoot, edit Facebook video series #SheMeansBusiness on biz econ topics for millennials

**USC Annenberg Media, Multimedia Journalist**, University of Southern California Aug 2015 – May 2016

• Report day-of-air stories for TV, radio, and web + produce videos for Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram

The Huffington Post, Contributing Writer and Video Producer, Los Angeles, CA

ABC News, Freelance Video Journalist, Los Angeles, CA

Daily Mail, Entertainment Writer, Los Angeles, CA

Peoria Journal Star, Reporting Intern, Peoria, IL

NPR, Morning Edition Intern, Los Angeles, CA

The Daily Bruin, Video Journalist, Radio Reporter & Host, UCLA

Feb 2016 – March 2017

Nov 2015 – Dec 2013 – July 2015

Dec 2013 – July 2015

Jan 2013 – June 2013

Jan 2012 – May 2012

Jan 2011 – Mar 2012

**SKILLS** 

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