

# Sydney Topf

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## Education

Boston University College of Communication  
Bachelors of Journalism, minor in Political Science | Dean's List | Expected May 2025 Graduation

## Professional Experience

### CNN

#### *CNN Political Unit Intern*

Washington, D.C.  
June 2024-Aug. 2024

- Conducted in-depth research on political issues, candidates and election updates, summarizing findings for use in news stories and reports.
- Worked closely with political campaigns and press contacts to compile information for CNN's political coverage, briefing books and articles.
- Monitored breaking news and current events, tracking developments and flagging relevant stories for editorial staff.

New York, NY

#### *CNN This Morning Intern*

June 2023-Aug. 2023

- Assisted in brainstorming and pitching story ideas during editorial meetings, contributing fresh perspectives and relevant angles to enhance the show's content.
- Assisted in writing and editing scripts in alignment with CNN's editorial standards.
- Conducted thorough research on current news topics, trends and guest backgrounds, providing valuable insights to producers and on-air talent.

### BUTV

#### *"United We Vote" Election Special Co-Executive Producer*

Boston, MA  
June 2024 - Nov. 2024

- Led a team of 50 students in pitch meetings and collaborated on research and scriptwriting, ensuring the content was compelling, accurate and appropriate for the audience while incorporating diverse perspectives..
- Booked interviews with experts in various fields, including members of congress, legal analysts and political scientists.
- Directed the overall vision and editorial direction of the show, setting clear objectives and guiding the team through all phases of production.

#### *"Good Morning BU" Co-Executive Producer and Anchor*

Jan. 2022-Present

- Anchor weekly live broadcast, delivering news with clarity and engaging presence.
- Create weekly rundowns for a 30-minute show, curating compelling, newsworthy content on various topics and levels to ensure engaging and timely programming.

### Boston University Statehouse Program

#### *State House reporter for The Berkshire Eagle*

Sept. 2024 - Dec. 2024

- Pitched stories and reported on Massachusetts State House politics, effectively localizing coverage to highlight key issues and developments relevant to Berkshire County.
- Conducted insightful interviews with state government officials, researchers and individuals directly impacted by stories, ensuring comprehensive and balanced reporting.

### The Daily Free Press

#### *Co-Campus News Editor*

May 2023-Dec. 2023

- Pitched 10-12 high-impact campus news stories weekly, showcasing strong editorial judgment and a keen understanding of student and community interests.
- Provided strategic guidance to editors and reporters throughout the reporting process, ensuring editorial excellence, story cohesion and adherence to journalistic standards.
- Uploaded and formatted articles on a WordPress-operated website, ensuring adherence to AP style and maintaining high editorial standards.

#### *Campus News and Features Senior Reporter*

Oct. 2021-Present

- Delivered in-depth campus news coverage, producing compelling stories on events, issues and interviews with precision on tight deadlines.

### Boston University College of Communication

#### *Incoming Teacher's Assistant for Professor Tina McDuffie*

Starting Jan. 21

- Assist in delivering lessons on broadcast journalism techniques, including reporting, writing and on-air presentation.
- Provide feedback and guidance to students on their news packages, scripts, and broadcasts, ensuring adherence to industry standards.
- Organize and facilitate workshops on interviewing, camera work and news production for aspiring journalists.

**Skills:** Adobe Premiere Pro | Lightroom | Associated Press Stylebook | Google Suite | Microsoft Office | iNews | Flourish | Datawrapper | Canva | Rundown Creator | Camera equipment | MediaSource