Afia Barrie

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EDUCATION

Howard University B.A. in Media, Journalism, and Film; Cum Laude

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2025

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

The Washington Post

Washington, D.C.

2025 Summer Intern

IUNE 2025 - AUG 2025

Enterprise reporting intern on the Metro desk covering happenings in the D.C. metropolitan area.

- Pitched and wrote human interest and enterprise stories
- Contributed to live event coverage (ex: 2025 Trump military parade, Virginia Democratic Primary Election)

2024 Academic Fellow SEPT 2024 – NOV 2024

General assignment reporter intern on the Metro desk covering happenings in the D.C. metropolitan area.

The Hilltop Washington, D.C.

Variety Editor JULY 2024 - MAY 2025

Editor of the Variety section of Howard University's student newspaper. Leader of an eight-person team of writers covering culture and other happenings related to Howard University for digital and print.

- Created weekly budgets of stories for writers
- Edited articles
- Worked with other editors to publish timely coverage

Variety Reporter JULY 2023 – MAY 2024

Variety reporter on the Centennial team of Howard University's student newspaper. Pitched and wrote articles about events, exhibits, and other happenings related to Howard University for digital and print.

CNN, Newsgathering Intern

Washington, D.C.

Newsgathering intern at CNN's Washington bureau assisting the Justice team.

JAN 2024 - APRIL 2024

- Performed research and fact-checking for articles
- Acquired knowledge on covering legal matters and conducting legal research
- Composed articles with a focus on updates of high-profile cases
- Shadowed senior reporters during court visits

PBS NewsHour Productions, Gwen Ifill Fellow

Arlington, VA

Participated in the development and production of PBS NewsHour.

JUN 2023 - AUG 2023

- Delivered scripts, edited the rundown in iNews, created commercial bumpers, and assisted in control room
- Shadowed senior reporters on special assignments

EXPERIENCES

2025 Center for Journalism & Democracy Du Bois Data Lab, Participant

Washington, D.C.

Participant in 10-day summer intensive dedicated to learning data journalism skills.

MAY 2025 - JUNE 2025

WABJ Urban Journalism Workshop, Mentor

Washington, D.C.

Mentor in program teaching DMV area high schoolers the fundamentals of journalism.

MAR 2025 - JUNE 2025

101 Magazine, Staff Writer

Washington, D.C.

Wrote articles covering campus life and pop culture for weekly digital magazine.

AUG 2022 - JULY 2023

SKILLS

Audio editing (Audition, Hindenburg) | Data journalism | Editing | Google Suite, Microsoft 365, PC | Graphic design (Photoshop, Canva) | Interviewing | Newsroom software (iNews, Ellipsis) | Retail | Social media | Writing | Video editing (IMovie, Premiere Pro)