

SHALAKA SHINDE

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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Data Journalism
Columbia Journalism School, USA
(2022-2023)

Postgraduate Diploma, New Media Journalism
Asian College of Journalism, India
(2014-2015)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming & Analysis: Python, R, SQL, Excel, Google Sheets

Web Scraping: APIs, BeautifulSoup, Playwright

Web Development: HTML, CSS, Quarto, Flask, DigitalOcean app hosting

Version Control: Git, GitHub

Data Visualization: Datawrapper, Flourish, ggplot, RAWgraphs, D3.js, Illustrator

GIS/Mapping: QGIS, Mapbox, CartoDB, folium

AWARDS & HONORS

Columbia Venture Competition
(2nd Place)

Tow/Brown Award - Excellence in Computational Journalism

Pulitzer Moore & Newman Fund - Full tuition, Columbia

Li Center Reporting Grant - South Sudanese immigrant profile

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Magic Grantee, Brown Institute (New York, NY) | Aug 2024 - Nov 2025

- Designed and implemented a scraping pipeline for criminal court cases across local courts in India making the hard-to-get data accessible.
- Currently building a public-facing platform to make the SQL database available to local reporters covering India's district-level court trials.

Election Result Scraper, AP (New York, NY) | Nov 2024 - Present

- Part of the team that scrapes live election results for Associated Press for general, primary, supreme court, and gubernatorial elections.
- Handled multiple counties' dynamic general election result site scraping using a combination of tools to provide direct input to AP's election result tracker.

Data Journalist, WARC (New York, NY) | Dec 2023 - June 2024

- Published over 40 data-driven stories leveraging public and in-house datasets, and SEC API within 5 months.
- Covered advertising, e-commerce, retail media, and cookie depreciation with actionable insights.

Quality Analyst, Mercorio (Remote) | Oct 2024 - Dec 2024

- Reviewed and rated journalism task performance for a major AI company using standardized rubrics.

Data Journalist, Rest of World (Remote) | Apr 2024 - June 2024

- Scraped, categorized, and maintained a searchable database of EV-related news articles to identify harm caused by mining.

Research Assistant, Columbia University (New York, NY) | Sep 2023 - Nov 2023

- Conducted data cleaning, copyediting, and contributed to book drafts and citations for a PhD candidate with a disability studying binge-watching habits among immigrants.

Breaking News Writer, The Quint (New Delhi, India) | May 2016 - Dec 2016

- Created interactive timelines and led breaking news coverage with a team of four.
- Produced explainer videos on legal issues using newsroom tools and scripting.

Correspondent, Hindustan Times (Pune, India) | May 2017 - May 2022

- Covered the criminal justice system, custodial deaths, and floods across rural Maharashtra.
- Produced enterprise projects, mobile-shot videos and longform stories on crime, culture, and marginalized voices.