

# JADYN NEWMAN

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Freelance*

#### Producer & Editor

NOVEMBER 2018- PRESENT

- Scripted, produced and edited nonfiction film projects for various nonprofits, documentaries, and small businesses

### *Illinois Governor's Office*

#### Communications Coordinator

FEB 2024- PRESENT

- Staffed events to capture photo and video materials of Governor Pritzker
- Curated social media content including graphics, videos, and event recaps
- Drafted, edited, and disseminated materials including press releases, media statements, statewide press clips, Governor quotes, website content, etc.
- Researched and wrote speeches and talking points for Governor Pritzker

#### Dunn Fellow- Communications/Digital Media      AUG 2023- JAN 2024

- Assisted communications and digital teams with project management and guided collaboration between policy, digital, and state agency projects
- Created policy one-pagers, curated social media content, and tracked clips

### *Y.O.U.R Community Center*

#### Program Facilitator

JUN 2022- JUL 2023

- Designed an original curriculum and facilitated a 7-week filmmaking, photography, and screenwriting class for high school students
- Supervised students in the creation of a professional artistic portfolio and final project

### *American University Honors College*

#### Program Associate/TA

AUG 2021- MAY 2023

- Taught and advised freshman college students in the AU Honors College alongside Film Professor David Pike
- Founded the "BIPOC Scholars" Mentorship Program for students of color
- Executed monthly co-curricular events for the students' living-learning community, while cultivating growth and mentorship

### *Common Ground Florida*

#### Research and Communications Fellow

JUL 2021- MAR 2022

- Compiled relevant research on social justice topics and community outreach strategy and produced non-fiction video content integrating advocacy research for online distribution, redesigned website user interface and social media layout using Adobe Suite and Wix
- Completed administrative tasks like event-planning, logistical data tracking, and partner outreach

### *Lansing Public Library*

#### Library Associate- Youth Department

AUG 2017-AUG 2021

- Promoted from "Shelver" position (2017) to "Library Services Intern"(2019) to "Library Associate" (2020)
- Introduced positive multicultural representation to displays, youth/adult collection, and month-long Multicultural Children's Book Celebration
- Executed all circulation tasks, including creation of library cards, check-in/out, tracking check-out data, shelf-reading etc
- Organized arts-and-culture-based programming for youth patrons aged 3-17

## EDUCATION

### *American University*

Washington, DC

Film & Media Arts (Bachelor's)

Justice & Law (Bachelor's)

Honors College

## SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Suite
- Canva
- Wix
- Copywriting
- Speechwriting
- Graphic Design
- Coverage
- Interviewing
- Photography
- Videography
- Digital Media

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Chosen for the **James H. Dunn Memorial Fellowship**
- Chosen as Spring 2023 AU School of Public Affairs **Commencement Undergraduate Speaker**
- Recipient of the **Elisha Brown Trailblazer Award** for outstanding activism in filmmaking work
- Awardee of **Michael Forman and Bonnie Brae Filmmaker Scholarship**
- Recipient of special commencement **award for Outstanding Service to the AU Honors Community**
- Nominee for **Charles W. Van Way University Achievement Award** for building community across campus
- Recipient of **Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship Award**, 3-time awardee
- Awardee of **Point Foundation Scholarship**

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- **A24 "Beyond the Screen" Program-** member of inaugural cohort of BIPOC filmmakers, engaging in 3-week immersive film production program with mentors from HBO, Netflix, and Lifetime (2022)
- **Read Your World National Nonprofit-** Advisory Board Member (2022-Present)
- **Little Black Library National Nonprofit-** Founding Board of Directors Member (2020- 2024)
- **American University Middle States Reaccreditation Committee-** Chosen as the sole student representative, serving on the committee developing outline and chapters for self-study, now active alumni representative (2022-Present)
- **Association of Independent Commercial Producers' (AICP)** Mentorship Program (2023)
- **Chief of Staff, AU Student Government** (2021-2022)