

Quinn Pu

Data Journalist | Python + D3.js + Frontend

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EDUCATION

New York University, B.A. in Journalism and Data Science

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EXPERIENCE

NYC Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

June 2025 - August 2025

Data Analytics & Engineer Intern, Policy & Operations

New York City, NY

- Built automated Python web-scraping pipelines to acquire, clean, and structure raw municipal administrative data, enabling rapid causal analysis of citywide policy trends.
- Translated large-scale municipal datasets into actionable policy insights using regression and temporal analysis, with findings used in budget and operational decision-making.

Salon Media Group

December 2024 - May 2025

News Fellow

New York City, NY

- Covered the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau through the Biden-era junk and overdraft fee rules, the Trump administration's rollback of enforcement actions, and the bureau's internal leadership upheaval.
- Reported on major financial regulatory stories, including the CFPB's dropped lawsuit against JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo, and the congressional push to repeal the \$5 overdraft fee cap.
- Filed 5+ stories per week across financial policy, labor statistics, and market trends, developing sources inside federal regulatory agencies.

Morning Brew

January 2024 - June 2024

Reporting Intern

New York City, NY

- Broke early national coverage of the 2024 Change Healthcare cyberattack, tracking real-time impacts across insurance claims processing, federal regulation, and payer-provider systems.
- Reported deadline-driven coverage on healthcare policy, biotech, and federal regulation, sourcing from government officials, agency staff, and industry executives.
- Contributed to coverage of the Visual Snow Initiative, which helped advance its WHO recognition.

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Data & Analysis: Python (pandas, GeoPandas, statsmodels), R, SQL, Git/GitHub, Tableau, Power BI.

Visualization & Front-end: D3.js, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Scrollama, Datawrapper, Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere, After Effects).

Languages: English (*native*), Mandarin Chinese (*native*), Spanish (*conversational*).

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS & PROJECTS

ICE Surveillance & Data Broker Contracts Investigation: [Live page](#)

- Analyzed 12,000+ federal contract transactions to quantify \$64M+ in ICE spending on commercial data brokers including Thomson Reuters and LexisNexis, identifying patterns in no-bid contract awards.
- Investigated how agencies use third-party data brokers to acquire personal information without warrant requirements, supported by interviews with legal scholars at the ACLU and privacy researchers.

GIS Analysis of NYC311: [Live page](#) — [GitHub](#)

- Built a scroll-driven visual essay on 16M+ NYC 311 records using D3.js (choropleth maps, Mercator projection), GeoPandas for geospatial joins, and Scrollama for scroll-triggered narrative sequencing.
- Applied Empirical Bayes shrinkage to correct for ZIP code volume disparities.

Congestion Pricing & Air Pollution: [GitHub](#)

- Led a causal inference analysis of NYC congestion pricing's impact on particulate matter, applying a Difference-in-Differences regression model to isolate policy effects from confounding trends.