

CHRISTIAN LEONARD

DATA REPORTER

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San Francisco Chronicle
2023 – Present

EXPERIENCE

DATA REPORTER

Cover the Bay Area housing crisis, real estate trends and immigration using complex datasets and thorough data analysis, consistently producing some of the highest reader engagement numbers in the newsroom.

- Produce ~150 articles a year on the housing affordability crisis, real estate and immigration
- Craft engaging data visualizations to accompany written reporting
- Leverage technical expertise with R, Python and JavaScript to gather data, identify potential angles and produce findings

Hearst Newspapers
2022 – 2023

DEVELOPER FELLOW

Developed interactive reader tools for the Hearst Newspaper newsrooms, embedding in the San Francisco Chronicle's data team by reporting on drug overdoses, housing and other topics.

- Identified, cleaned and analyzed data sets to produce 1-3 projects (stories and/or newsroom tools) a week
- Used Datawrapper and created custom interactives to produce multiple visual elements per article
- Coded project templates and engaging visual experiences for our newsrooms

Burbank Leader
2020 – 2022

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Served as the lead reporter for the Burbank Leader, covering city hall, the COVID-19 pandemic and elections.

- Pitched and wrote 4-6 articles a week, including several of the most-read articles on the website
- Taught myself to use R and produce basic data visualizations
- Cultivated sources among government officials, activists and other community members to produce exclusives

Biola University
2016 – 2020

EDUCATION

B.A. in Journalism and Integrated Media

Minor in Spanish

Torrey Honors Institute

SKILLS

- Data Analysis
- R, Python
- Datawrapper, Flourish
- JavaScript, ReactJS, D3
- QGIS, MapBox
- APIs, Web Scraping