



# CHRISTIAN LEONARD

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DATA JOURNALIST | NEWS DEVELOPER

## EDUCATION

Biola University  
La Mirada, CA  
2016 - 2020

BA in Journalism & Integrated Media with a minor in Spanish  
Torrey Honors Institute  
Summa Cum Laude

## EXPERIENCE

Hearst DevHub / San  
Francisco Chronicle  
San Francisco, CA  
August 2022 - Present

### Developer Fellow

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

- Find, clean and analyze data sets to produce 1-3 stories a week
- Use Datawrapper and custom interactives to create 2-3 visual elements per article that help the reader better understand the subject
- Code project templates and engaging visual experiences for our newsrooms, who can then localize them for their unique readerships

Outlook News Group  
Greater Los Angeles  
May 2020 - June 2022

### Staff Writer/Reporter

Was the lead reporter for the Burbank Leader, covering everything from city hall to COVID-19 to elections. Won first- and second-place awards from the News Publishers Association for my coverage of local government in 2021.

- Pitched and wrote 4-6 articles a week, including several of the most-read articles on the website
- Cleaned, analyzed and visualized data to deepen and discover stories

NBC Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA  
Sept. 2019 - May 2020

### Digital Intern

Assisted with producing digital content, both by curating material and writing original pieces, to keep a constant stream of new material on the website. Was invited back for and completed a second internship.

- Covered a variety of topics, including the early months of the pandemic, wildfires and the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant
- Monitored and edited wire stories to find the most relevant stories for our readership

## SKILLS

- Data Reporting
- R, Excel
- JavaScript, React
- HTML, CSS
- Datawrapper
- Mapbox/Maplibre
- QGIS
- Photography