

# KAJSA KEDEFORS

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## EDUCATION

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY

#### Bachelor of Arts in College of Arts and Sciences

- Major in philosophy and psychology
- Major in independent studies: social science and public policy
  - Coursework in phenomenology, social psychology, R coding, racism, gender issues, cross-cultural psychology, poverty and wealth
- Minor in journalism
  - Coursework in investigative reporting, data journalism, narrative radio, podcasting, journalism research, reporting in-depth

**UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID** — took leave of absence from BU and enrolled in UAM's DiLe Program for a semester, with all courses taught in Spanish in Madrid, Spain

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Swedish
- Spanish (conversational)

## AWARDS AND PROFICIENCIES

- 2020-present National Society of Collegiate Scholars member (nominated by Professor Matthew Parfitt)
- 2020-2021 Rho Excellence in Academics Award
- 2018 Jefferson Award for community service work
- **Journalism conferences attended:**
  - NICAR, Baltimore — 2024
  - Power of Narrative, Boston — 2022, 2023, 2024
  - Christopher J. Georges Conference on College Journalism at Harvard University, Cambridge — 2023
  - MediaFest SPJ, D.C. — 2022
- **Skills:** Arc, Adobe Audition, Descript, Adobe Premiere Pro, LexisNexis, Tableau, Tabula, R coding, Datawrappier, Flourish, Open Refine, Timeline JS, Pinpoint, data scraping, MS Office suite (Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Teams), Canva, Wix, Slack, Asana, social media management (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok)

## CONTACT



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### July 2023 - December 2024

#### BOSTON GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

- Metro correspondent covering local breaking news including crime, Gaza campus protests, community events and missing persons from January to December, 2024
- Living/arts co-op full-time for six months from July to December. Pitched and wrote feature stories about musicians, podcasters, celebrities, trends, food, nightlife, books, festivals and awards. Managed and grew @globelife Instagram account

### July 2024 - August 2024

#### DALLAS MORNING NEWS BREAKING NEWS INTERN

- Pitching and reporting breaking news and enterprise stories covering crime, cops, courts, faith and other local news
- Reporting an in-depth investigative enterprise story about an East Texas cult. Spoke with victims and their family, world-leading cult experts, town residents, the FBI, local police and the county judge. Obtained document evidence including police reports, texts and receipts to substantiate allegations of financial, emotional and spiritual abuse. Story reporting remains ongoing in collaboration with the paper

### May 2024 - July 2024

#### DALLAS MORNING NEWS ART AND ENTERTAINMENT INTERN

- Pitching and reporting stories about trends, events, nightlife, art, subcultures, perspective and interesting groups of people

### May 2023 - May 2024

#### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (UROP) SCHOLARSHIP GRANTEE FOR JOURNALISM

- Independently crafted a pitch, treatment and slide deck for a podcast about forensic science
- Researched and interviewed forensic experts, authors, lawyers and the former president of the ABFO

### January 2023 - June 2023

#### GBH NEWS STUDENT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

- Investigated Freedom Trail sites' ties to slavery. Solo-reported on the Boston Common and published "[Black people were once banned from the Boston Common](#)" in GBH News. The Freedom Trail Foundation updated their tour guide training as a result of our findings

### May 2021 - August 2021

#### PODCAST INTERN AT E2AC

- Collaborated to storyboard, edit and produce "Minneapolis Burning," a podcast about Minneapolis Black Civil Rights Leader Spike Moss
- Independently scripted and edited the show's trailer

### March 2022 - December 2022

#### REPORTER AT THE DAILY FREE PRESS

- Reporter writing features and news stories for the independent, student-run newspaper at Boston University
- Writer for news podcast "East to West"

### June 2022 - September 2022

#### RACIAL EQUITY IN CORRECTIONS INITIATIVE (REICI) SURVEY REVIEWER AT PRISONERS' LEGAL SERVICES OF MASSACHUSETTS

- Analyzed inmates' 150-question surveys about how racism in Massachusetts prisons and jails affects their lives. Digitized data about racism in prison cultural programming, medical care, misidentification, disproportionate drug testing, overt racial slurs and excessive force