tyler rieger

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Public policy and international affairs candidate blending civic fellowship experience, investigative journalism, and AI systems evaluation. Committed to moving from documenting structural vulnerabilities to designing evidence-based, community-level interventions in civic resilience, economic development, and digital governance.

education

may 2026

Stony Brook University · Stony Brook, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

- **GPA 3.93 / 4.00** · Dean's List
- **Public policy:** Completed an 18-credit Interdisciplinary Concentration in Public Policy alongside the degree.
- **Senior capstone:** *No Place To Go – The Geography of a Generation Alone*. Investigative multimedia series examining civic participation, suburban infrastructure, and digital isolation.
- **Leadership:** Features Editor & Writer, *The Stony Brook Press*; Teaching Assistant & Reporter, Working Newsroom Program (covered municipal cannabis regulations, county sewage/septic infrastructure, and regional avian flu response).

may 2023

Nassau Community College · Garden City, NY
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

- **GPA 3.85 / 4.00** · Magna Cum Laude
- **Leadership:** Editor & Writer, *The NCC Vignette*
- **Coursework:** Introduction to Economics, Elements of Statistics, Financial Accounting

civic, policy & editorial experience

oct 2026 – present

Aqus Community Foundation · Petaluma, CA
AmeriCorps Member / Community Resilience Fellow · AmeriCorps Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program

- Manage stakeholder and volunteer CRM operations to strengthen local civic networks and grassroots community resilience across Sonoma County.
- Plan, coordinate, and facilitate public events, civic forums, and community-building initiatives, including logistics, registration, and outreach for the 19th Annual Petaluma Turkey Trot and local fellowship programming.
- Author organizational newsletters, press materials, and public communications translating neighborhood initiatives into accessible community updates.

jan 2025 – present

DataAnnotation · Remote

AI Data Specialist & Writing Domain Expert

- Execute supervised fine-tuning (SFT) and reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF) workflows to improve Large Language Model (LLM) reasoning, factual accuracy, and policy/editorial analysis.
- Design and stress-test complex system prompts to probe model failure modes, mitigate hallucinations, and establish quality benchmarks across large-scale evaluation datasets.
- Deliver structured qualitative assessments and ranking evaluations to enforce clarity, analytical rigor, and ethical guardrails in generative AI outputs.

jun 2026 – present

Tyler's Notebook · Petaluma, CA & New York, NY

Founder, Editor & Writer · Substack publication

- Publish independent political op-eds, cultural essays, and investigative field notes examining democratic institutions, civic life, and media ecosystems.
- Co-author and edit a recurring biweekly analytical column ("48 Minutes of Hell"), managing editorial calendars, visual design, and reader engagement.

may – aug 2025

Long Island Advance · Patchogue, NY

Summer Reporting Intern

- Reported and published community news, municipal coverage, and long-form feature stories for a prominent Long Island weekly newspaper.
- Conducted primary-source interviews and archival research to produce in-depth local profiles, environmental initiative coverage, and human-interest reporting.

additional experience

2018 – 2021

A1 Specialized, Inc. · Long Island, NY

Office Manager

- Directed daily operations, customer billing, vendor disbursements, payroll administration, and incoming/outgoing inventory logistics.

skills & honors

research & policy

- Investigative reporting, primary-source interviewing, qualitative evaluation, public records research, dataset auditing, AP Style

technical & digital

- CRM Management, Prompt Engineering, LLM Evaluation (SFT/RLHF), Google Workspace, Canva, Substack Publishing

honors & fellowships

- AmeriCorps Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fellow (2026–2027), Stony Brook Dean's List, Magna Cum Laude (NCC)