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In 2021, she was one of two American journalists chosen for the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma's Early Childhood Development Fellowship where she researched and wrote about the pandemic's impact on young children. In 2023, she was a Spencer Fellow for Education Journalism at Columbia University where she studied the consequences of America's lack of investment in child care.

