**MELINDA HSIA**

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**EDUCATION**

**New York University,** New York City, New York

* *B.A. Majors in cultural anthropology and journalism*, GPA: 3.5, Expected graduation: December 2009
**iCal Online TEFL Certification**, Expected completion: December 2009

**ACTIVITIES AND HONORS:**

**NYU Community Orchestra,** 2005-2006

*Assistant concertmaster*

**Peninsula Youth Orchestra,** 2000-2005*Toured in Italy, France and Spain in the summer of 2002 and 2004*

**EXPERIENCE**

**am New York,** New York City, Ny, February 2009 – May 2009

*News Intern* - Wrote several articles on a variety of topics that appeared both in print and online, and collected material for cover stories.

**Thesavvyexplorer.com,** New York City, Ny, June 2008 – May 2009

*Editorial Intern* - Pitched and wrote several travel articles published on the website, fact checked, fulfilled managerial tasks, and built contact lists.

 **Luckymag.com**, New York City, Ny, September 2008 – December 2008

*Online editorial intern* – Contributed to and worked independently on multiple web projects, built features and weekly material for the website

**Self Employed**, Foster City, Ca, September 2004 – June 2005

*Private violin instructor* – Developed syllabi and lesson plans for beginner students and taught 30 minute lessons

**Central Peninsula Church**, Foster City, Ca, June 2001 – August 2003

*Sunday school teacher* – Designed projects, taught a curriculum provided by the children’s ministry and interacted with parents

*Summer camp leader* – Instructed and supervised a group of 8 children between 3 and 5

**Stanford Equestrian Center**, Palo Alto, Ca, June 1999 - August 2003

*Summer camp counselor –* Organized group activities for up to 15 children from the ages of 9-16, instructed kids individually and in groups on the basics of horse care

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES:**

*Praguewanderer.com* and *Prague Daily Monitor*, February 2008: “Century's Innovations”

*Thesavvyexplorer.com* December 2008:“How to Avoid Tourist Traps”

*Thesavvyexplorer.com* December 2008:“Prague Restaurant Guide”
*amNY.com* April 2009: “[Cherry blossom festival at Brooklyn Botanic Garden](http://weblogs.amny.com/entertainment/urbanite/blog/2009/04/cherry_blossoms_blooming_at_br.html)”
*amNY.com* March 2009: “[Capitol Fishing Tackle sign resurfaces better than ever](http://weblogs.amny.com/entertainment/urbanite/blog/2009/03/capitil_fish_tackle_sign_resur.html)”
*amNY* August 2009: “City Living: A touch of country in the city”

**SKILLS & INTERESTS**

**Language:** Mandarin (conversational), Spanish (beginner)

**Computer:** Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel (basic), InDesign CS4 (basic), basic html coding

**Travel:** Traveled extensively in Europe, lived in Prague, Czech Republic, and Shanghai, China

**Equestrian Sports:** 10 years of hunter/jumper experience

**Violin:** 10 years of experience, one year of teaching at the basic level

**Yoga:** Nearly daily practice keeps me happy, sane and in relatively good shape

**Cooking, Baking & Eating:** I have not truly visited a location until I have eaten there and I am not home until I have eaten a home cooked meal. My favorite form of stress relief is baking pies.