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Experience

Scripps News

Google Journalism Journey Initiative Fellow Jan. 2023 - present

- Serve as investigative producer for the Scripps News Washington Bureau and data team.
- Anchor live coverage on X of major political events driving increased engagement.
- Extensively cover civil and criminal cases involving former President Donald Trump and his associates.
- Write digital stories, reporter packages and anchor copy.
- Voice television packages and appear as an on-camera data reporter.
- Extensive training in on camera, voiceover and broadcast writing from national talent coaches.

The Des Moines Register

Investigative Reporter / Editor Jan. 2021 - Jan. 2023

- Major investigation a child's death at a theme park resulting in changes to safety practices and findings of wrongdoing by state investigation.
- Major investigation of fatal attack on employees at a maximum security state prison leading to the facility being downgraded.
- Served morning breaking news editor for the Des Moines Register and edited investigative work by other reporters.
- Interim editor-in-chief of the combined Iowa City Press-Citizen and Burlington Hawk-Eye.
- Covered major stories as senior reporter, frequently in USA TODAY and other Gannett papers.

Freelance

Reporter and Data Journalist Aug. 2015 - Jan. 2021

- Freelance stories appeared in The New York Times, The Marshall Project and FiveThirtyEight.
- Developed interactive graphics for multiple clients including Indian Country Today and InsideClimateNews.
- Reported for radio stories including an investigation by Reveal and APM Reports.

University of Iowa

Assistant Professor Journalism and Informatics Aug. 2015 - June 2020

- Software development work featured at Computation + Journalism 2019 conference.
- Board member and treasurer of the Iowa Center for Public Affairs Journalism (IowaWatch).
- Taught courses in data journalism, investigative reporting and related topics.

Dallas Morning News

Projects Data Editor, News Applications Editor March 2010 - August 2015

- Launched data team working across the newsroom on stories, interactive projects and newsroom tools.
- Developed interactive and print projects — including data-driven "Best Neighborhoods" franchise which generated more than \$500,000 of new revenue.
- Wrote investigative stories involving extensive work with open records / FOIA requests.
- Used complex data and statistical analysis to investigate important issues.
- Created award-winning interactive graphics and news applications.

InvestigateWest

Co-founder / Chief Digital Strategist March 2009 - March 2010

- Developed business plan and pro-formas for early nonprofit investigative news startup.

- Developed and designed web site, CMS and digital presence.
- Secured seed funding and negotiated with outside partners.
- Represented InvestigateWest at the Pocantico Conference as charter member of the Investigative News Network.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Staff Writer (Data)

July 2006 - March 2009

- Conducted complex data and statistical analysis as core member of investigative team
- Major investigations of police misconduct, corporate accounting fraud and the post-9/11 FBI.
- Used complex data and statistical analysis to investigate important issues.
- Built interactive graphics and in-house newsroom tools
- White House Correspondents Association Edgar A. Poe Award for "The Terrorism Trade-Off."
- Conducted training on investigative techniques and datajournalism for newsroom staff.

The Center for Public Integrity

Data Editor, Assistant Data Editor, Senior Researcher

Feb. 2003 - July 2006

- Wrote sections of *New York Times* bestseller *The Buying of the President 2004*.
- Promoted to lead a four-person data team working across the national investigative newsroom.

Additional experience

- The Daytona Beach News Journal / Public Safety and GA Reporter / Nov. 2000 - Jan. 2003
- The Ames Tribune / Criminal Justice Reporter / Aug. 1999 - Nov. 2000

Selected Awards and Honors

- Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Innovation / RTDNA / 2019
- Best of Digital Design Award of Excellence / Society for News Design / 2014, 2015
- Star Investigative Report of the Year / Texas APME / 2012
- Kiplinger Fellowship / The Ohio State University / 2012
- Excellence in Criminal Justice Reporting (Series) / John Jay College of Criminal Justice / 2009
- Edgar A. Poe Award / White House Correspondents Association / 2008
- Outstanding Online Reporting / Society of Environmental Journalists / 2005
- Finalist / Investigative Reporters and Editors / 2004, 2006, 2007
- Public Service (Online) / Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ Awards) / 2004, 2005

Books

- *Understanding Crime and Justice Statistics: A Reporter's Guide (4th Edition)*. Investigative Reporters and Editors, forthcoming 2025. (with Ted Gest and Mark Greenblatt)
- *Understanding Crime and Justice Statistics: A Reporter's Guide (3rd Edition)*. Investigative Reporters and Editors, 2016. (with Ted Gest)
- *Open Government: Collaboration, Transparency, and Participation in Practice*. O'Reilly Media, 2010. (with Laurel Ruma)

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Haverford College, Haverford, PA
- Kiplinger Fellow, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- Institute on Political Journalism at Georgetown University, The Fund for American Studies, Washington, DC

Selected Technology Skills

Python, R, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, D3, Excel, SQL, GIS, MySQL, Postgres, Django, PHP