

# Daniel Lathrop

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## Experience

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### Scripps News

Data Reporter/Investigative Producer Jan. 2023 - present

- Anchored realtime social coverage of debates, elections and political conventions for Scripps News.
- Wrote and produced data-driven video and web stories as part of Scripps News national data team including investigations revealing: a dangerous shortage of ambulance chassises, failure to take into account serious safety in government nursing home ratings and the federal government's failure to track safety of immigrant refugee children.
- Developed expert-level skills based on training from nationally known experts on writing for video, on-air presentation and video storytelling as part of E.W. Scripps Company / Google Journalism Journey Initiative.

### The Des Moines Register

Investigative Reporter / Editor Jan. 2021 - Jan. 2023

- Pursued data-driven and investigative projects on topics like prison safety, emergency medical services and childcare.
- Coached reporters on pursuing data-driven and investigative reporting.
- Developed newsroom data tool for monitoring court cases.
- Supervised *the Iowa City Press-Citizen* and *Burlington Hawk-eye* newsrooms as acting editor-in-chief while serving as the *Register's* morning breaking news editor.

### Freelance

Data Journalist Aug. 2015 - Jan. 2021

- Wrote data-driven stories for clients including the New York Times, FiveThirtyEight and the Marshall Project.
- Developed interactive graphics for clients including InsideClimateNews and Indian Country Today.
- Received RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Innovation for data-driven work with WRAL

### University of Iowa

Assistant Professor/Data Visualization Aug. 2015 - June 2020

- Taught courses on datajournalism and related topics
- Developed software project selected for inclusion in Computation + Journalism 2019 conference
- Taught seminars for faculty on data visualization as part of University of Iowa Informatics Initiative

### Dallas Morning News

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

- Won two Best of Digital Design Award of Excellence awards from Society for News Design.

- Developed data-driven Best Neighborhoods project recognized for innovation by the American Society of News Editors.
- Launched and led data team working across the newsroom on stories, interactive projects and newsroom tools.
- Developed data-driven stories and interactives using Python, R and JavaScript/D3.

### **InvestigateWest**

Co-founder

Jan. 2009 - March 2010

- Developed founding board, co-wrote business plan and secured early grant funding.
- Awarded Kiplinger Fellowship for social media by the Ohio State University.
- Designed and developed web presence in PHP-based CMS.
- Editor of *Open Government* published by O'Reilly Media.
- Participated in Pocantico Conference founding the Investigative News Network, now Institute for Nonprofit News, setting the agenda for development of nonprofit investigative media organizations around the country.

### **Seattle Post-Intelligencer**

Staff Writer (Data)

July 2006 - March 2009

- Wrote data-driven and investigative stories on a wide variety of topics including: police misconduct, education spending and environmental abuses by nonprofit organizations.
- Developed interactive graphics and databases for SeattlePI.com.
- Won White House Correspondents Association Edgar A. Poe Award for data-driven, investigative project on the Post-9/11 FBI.

### **The Center for Public Integrity**

Data Editor, Assistant Data Editor, Senior Researcher

Feb. 2003 - July 2006

- Developed data-driven stories and applications.
- Data-driven work received national awards for excellence from the Society of Professional Journalists, Online News Association.
- Contributed to New York Times-bestselling *The Buying of the President 2004*.
- Managed five-member data team.

### **Education**

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- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Haverford College, Haverford, PA