

CHRIS BOWLING

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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• INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER/NEWS EDITOR, THE OMAHA READER

JANUARY 2020 - CURRENT

As the only news staff member, I'm responsible for balancing breaking news, investigative reporting and editorial leadership. I've published more than 150 stories as well as started and run a daily newsletter, organized daily COVID-19 updates into data visualizations and contributed watchdog reporting.

• FREELANCE REPORTER, OMAHA MAGAZINE

AUGUST 2018-CURRENT

As a freelance reporter I've had the opportunity to cover human interest stories like [a project to save tribal culture through cultivation](#).

• MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE, GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER

JUNE 2018-AUGUST 2018

Covered environmental issues, solutions-based journalism and daily stories through qualitative and data reporting in the Twin Cities.

• LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR, FREELANCE REPORTER

SEPTEMBER 2017-MAY 2018

Generated my own stories including features on a refugee who [wrote a book about surviving genocide](#) and [two gay business owners fighting to make a home in a conservative small town](#). I also covered politics, events and other daily news stories.

• TAMPA BAY TIMES, NORTH SUNCOAST NEWS INTERN

MAY 2017-AUGUST 2017

Covered education, business, local government, courts, crime and general features in Pasco and Hernando counties north of Tampa. I wrote stories about a [booming ice center](#), [local Olympic-level skeet shooter](#) and [jail programs that give inmates a second chance at life](#).

• DAILY NEBRASKAN, SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

AUGUST 2016-MAY 2017

Managed 30 writers, ran weekly budgets and coached stories like an [investigative package](#) about off-campus apartment complexes.

• ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, ENTERPRISE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERN

JUNE 2016-AUGUST 2016

Covered [LGBT issues](#), [race relations](#) and [politics](#). I also took over the transportation beat, covering [highway deaths](#), [transportation taxes](#) and [alternative transit](#). In 10 weeks with the paper I had two Sunday stories, 10 either front-page or metro visual stories and over 220,000 page views.

• OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, BREAKING NEWS AND FEATURES INTERN

JANUARY 2016-MAY 2016

Worked as a news intern, writing [general features](#) in addition to breaking news for the largest newspaper in Nebraska.

• LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR, COPS AND GENERAL ASSIGNMENT INTERN

AUGUST 2015-DECEMBER 2015

As a reporter with the state's second largest newspaper, I covered crime and wrote [feature stories](#) like how a failing football team affects the local economy.

• NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, GENERAL ASSIGNMENT INTERN

MAY 2015-AUGUST 2015

As a general assignment reporter at the Norfolk Daily News, I reported and photographed [a small town trying to recover from a tornado](#), [the death penalty in Nebraska](#) and more across the 22-county coverage area.

EDUCATION

• UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

AUGUST 2014-MAY 2018

Majors: Journalism and Economics. Recipient of George Beadle, Kinmin Oldfield and Carl and Ruth Olenberger scholarships.

AWARDS

• HEARST JOURNALISM AWARDS

My story "A Day in the Life (and Death) of Whiteclay" won first place in the enterprise category of the 2016 Hearst Journalism Awards. My breaking news story about Nebraska's decision on the Keystone XL Pipeline decision placed third in its 2018 breaking news category.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY JOURNALISM AWARD, COLLEGE AND GRAND PRIZE CATEGORIES

I was one member of a project that won the RFK Journalism Award for humanitarian efforts in journalism in the college and grand prize categories.

SKILLS

DATA JOURNALISM - Intermediate, experienced in finding, cleaning, analyzing and visualizing data using Python, R and Excel.

ADOBE INDESIGN, PHOTOSHOP, ILLUSTRATOR, LIGHTROOM, PREMIERE, INCOPY - Advanced, can put together multimedia projects, graphics and photos.

PHOTOGRAPHY - Advanced, experienced in taking photos with either a DSLR or iPhone.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Intermediate, experience live tweeting stories as well as blogging as I did for the Atlanta Journal Constitution's [transit blog](#).

HTML/CSS/JAVASCRIPT - Intermediate, designed my own [website](#) and have experience designing and coding for campus publications.

REFERENCES

- John Heaston -- Publisher/Editor at Pioneer Media and The Omaha Reader, (402) 547-7319 john@thereader.com
- Katie Humphrey - Topics Team Leader at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, (612) 673-4758 - katie.humphrey@startribune.com
- Joe Starita - Journalism Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, (402) 472-8280 - jstarita2@unl.edu