Dillon Bergin

I use data to power investigative reporting. That often means interrogating official data sources or compiling new data. Sometimes the new information helps individuals tell their stories on their own terms. Almost always, though, my reporting begins and ends with two questions: Who does the data serve? What does the data conceal?

🗔 Work Experience

Current | 2022

Data Reporter
MuckRock
📍 Philadelphia, PA

- Conduct research and file public records requests for investigations with national and local newsrooms, like USA Today, The California Newsroom, Missouri Independent and Cicero Independiente
- Analyze and visualize data to drive investigations with partner newsrooms
- Write quick turn-around news stories, reporting recipes and contribute to MuckRock's yearly round-up of FOIA horror stories called "The Foilies"

2022 | 2021

Senior Journalism Fellow
MuckRock and the Brown Insitute for Media Innovation
📍 Philadelphia, PA

- Led reporters from five newsrooms in an investigation that revealed areas of the country where hundreds of COVID-19 deaths were likely uncounted in the official toll, while building a database on changing causes of death for every county in the country through special access to the CDC's mortality API
- Analyzed a dataset of eight million rows of data, interviewed experts, and contributed writing to a project with WBEZ and the Chicago Sun-Times on Chicago's air pollution, using new data from over 100 air quality sensors placed across the city

2021 | 2020

Investigative Reporter
Searchlight New Mexico
📍 Albuquerque, NM

- Planned and led an award-winning series called "Eviction Epidemic," using court records to dig into New Mexico's housing crisis
- Scraped, cleaned, and analyzed over 100,000 court records from New Mexico's electronic court records system to pull the eviction documents that formed the foundation of the "Eviction Epidemic" series
- Reported and fact-checked several longform investigative stories

2020 | 2019

Fulbright Journalism Grantee
Fulbright Germany
📍 Freiburg, Germany

- Lived in a treehouse city with about 70 environmental activists, documenting their struggle to stop deforestation on the edge of Europe's largest open-pit coal mine
- Interviewed dozens of community members, activists, police and coal company employees in Germany's coal region

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Journalism Awards

National Headliner Awards, *First Place in Online Pandemic Coverage*

Sigma Data Journalism Awards, *Shortlisted for Best Data Journalism Project*

Society of Professional Journalists, *First Place in Public Service for Rocky Mountain Region*

Computer Languages

- R
- Git and GitHub
- Python
- HTML and CSS
- SQL

Human Languages

- English
- German
- Spanish

Made with the R package datadrivencv.

The source code is available on github.com/DillonBergin/my_resume.

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View this CV online with links at https://dillonbergin.github.io/my_resume/

🎓 Education

2019
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2015

B.A., Comparative Literature
University of Pennsylvania

📍 Philadelphia, PA

- Awarded Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and Dean's List honors
- Completed department's honors program with thesis titled "Writing, Righting, and Rioting: #FeesMustFall in South Africa"
- Studied German literature for one year at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, enrolled directly as a full-time student