



SARAH BODEN

HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTER

SELECT AWARDS

Keystone Media Awards: Freelance Journalist of the Year, 2025

Public Media Journalists Association: Collaborative Effort, 2nd Place, 2024

PA Association of Broadcasters: Outstanding Radio Series, 2023

Pennsylvania Bar Media Awards: Audio and Podcasts, 1st Place, 2023

Award of Excellence in Health Care Journalism: Audio Reporting, 3rd Place, Small Division, 2022

Regional Edward R. Murrow Award: Hard News, 1st Place, 2016

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Association of Health Care Journalists: 2022 Health Performance Reporting Fellow, Member of Right To Know Committee, Awards Judge

NPR-Kaiser Health News Reporting Project on Health Care in the States: Regular contributor

AHCJ 2025 conference: Presented on how find sources using TikTok

AHCJ 2024 conference: Hosted panel on regulatory changes to Methadone treatment

Journalist Law School Fellowship: Loyola Law School, 2016

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts: English and Anthropology
University of Minnesota: 2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST

Pittsburgh, PA | MAY 2024 - Present

- File three to four feature stories per month for NPR, Spotlight PA, the BBC, KFF Health News, Medscape and The LINK. Select clips can be found [here](#).
- Create and repurpose original reporting for multiple platforms, including print, audio, newsletters, Instagram and TikTok.
- Was the primary reporter for Spotlight PA's caregiving newsletter, *How We Care*, which had 1,300 subscribers through organic growth.
- Areas of expertise include addiction treatment, caregiving, consumer health, geriatric care, health care economics, insurance, infectious disease, mental health, reproductive medicine, and the social determinants of health.

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90.5 WESA News, Pittsburgh, PA | Nov. 2017 - MAY 2024

- Reported and produced an award-winning, four-part series "The Cost of Forgetting," which looked at the challenges of money management and dementia.
- Wrote two to three spot stories a week, and roughly a feature a month. Each story included audio and digital versions.
- Wrote a story about a physician who stopped taking insurance that garnered a record-breaking number of views for WESA's website.
- Delivered watchdog reporting of Pennsylvania's health care system, including coverage of UPMC — Pennsylvania's largest medical provider and largest non-governmental employer.
- Collaborated with ProPublica and NPR on an investigation into workers' exposure to asbestos at a western New York chlorine plant.
- Covered the 2018 shooting at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue.

DES MOINES REPORTER

Iowa Public Radio, Des Moines, IA | March 2014 - Oct. 2017

- Reported spots and features for statewide and national radio audiences. Coverage highlights included the 2016 Iowa Caucuses, the 2015 Bird Flu Epidemic, the privatization of Iowa's Medicaid program, and abortion access.
- Edited digital and audio spot news stories for fellow IPR reporters.

TALK SHOW PRODUCER

Iowa Public Radio, Iowa City, IA | Nov. 2012 - March 2014

- Produced dynamic conversations for IPR's daily talk shows.
- Wrote, hosted and engineered newscasts.