

Bridget Byrne

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Professional Experience

Baltimore Sun Media Group, Annapolis, Md.

June 2024-Present

Intern, Capital Gazette

- Independently write and submit 2-3 stories weekly, meeting strict deadlines.
- Conduct on-site reporting throughout Anne Arundel County; including criminal hearings, county council votes and community events.
- Write and publish articles using WordPress, including setting SEO terms and selecting featured images.

Philip Merrill College of Journalism, College Park, Md.

Sept. 2023-Present

Research Assistant, Professor Christoph Mergerson

- Conduct historical research on the roles of women in television meteorology since the 1950s as part of the professor's multi-year research project on weather journalism.
- Search databases and newspaper archives for articles about television presenters known as "weather girls" from 1950-75. Write and test R script to sort the articles by keywords.
- Presented research at 2024 AEJMC Southeast Colloquium.

The Diamondback, College Park, Md.

Oct. 2022-May 2024

Staff Writer, News Desk

- Pitched two stories weekly covering the transportation beat, provided photography, picked up breaking news stories, assisted with election-day coverage.
- Maintained relationships in the university Department of Transportation Services, the City of College Park, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, student government, and community groups.
- Attended weekly budget meetings to discuss allocation of resources to stories in progress.
- Obtained university data through information requests. Cleaned and analyzed data in R, including three years of parking tickets and parking ticket appeals.

Capital News Service, Washington, D.C.

Aug. 2023-Dec.2023

Capitol Hill Reporter, D.C. Bureau

- Pitched stories weekly covering the Federal Government's impact on local communities.
- Attended briefings and committee meetings with Capitol Hill press pass.
- Photographed members of Congress, approached members after votes for comment, found and interviewed individuals affected by natural disasters, tweeted breaking news.

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 2022-May 2022

Congressional Intern, Representative Jamie Raskin (MD-08)

- Attended briefings and hearings to produce memos for staffers.
- Answered phones and handled constituent requests.
- Prepared press clippings daily for the representative to read.
- Wrote social media posts and individual responses to constituent correspondence.
- Prepared and presented a report on the state of misinformation in America for the communications team in lead up to the January 6th hearing.

Education

University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

August 2020-June 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Philip Merrill College of Journalism

Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Additional Skills

- R, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office Suite
- DSLR and digital photography
- Public information requests
- Intermediate American Sign Language