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## Experience

*Austin American-Statesman* • News applications developer • February 2016 to present

I'm on a small team that develops, tests and deploys interactive graphics, applications and other web products that support our journalism. I also help organize newsroom training sessions and work with reporters and editors on data collection and analysis.

*Omaha World-Herald* • Reporter and web developer • April 2013 to January 2016 (~3 years)

I was a local government and watchdog reporter specializing in open records and data analysis. In addition to covering a handful of local beats, I developed online tools and web applications for [omaha.com](http://omaha.com) and [dataomaha.com](http://dataomaha.com), organized newsroom training sessions and paired with other reporters to analyze data for stories.

*Sioux Falls Argus Leader* • Reporter • November 2010 to March 2013 (~2.5 years)

I covered, at different times, the environment, the outdoors, the energy economy and city hall. This is when I started using data to tell stories, and soon I was leading newsroom workshops on computer-assisted reporting and producing interactive charts, graphs and maps for [argusleader.com](http://argusleader.com).

*National Post* (Toronto) • Intern • May to August 2010 (4 months)

I wrote feature stories for the homes section and edited freelance submissions.

*Waco Tribune-Herald* • Night reporter • September 2008 to May 2010 (~1.5 years)

I wrote crime stories, mostly, and did a turn on the copy desk as a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund intern. This was my first job at a daily newspaper.

*Baylor University* • Instructor, teaching assistant, writer, editor • August 2008 to May 2010 (~1.5 years)

I taught a section of media writing, graded papers and helped faculty members with research. I also wrote and edited stories promoting a series of international computer-programming competitions sponsored by ACM-ICPC.

*Maverick Publishing* (Spearfish, SD) • Editorial assistant, copy editor • August 2007 to August 2008 (1 year)

I was hired as an editorial assistant, which meant assembling product guides, answering the phones and filing paperwork. After a few months, I became the copy editor for the company's two nationally distributed trade magazines.

*Fort Collins Weekly* • Intern • May to August 2006 (4 months)

I wrote business, news and feature stories.

## Education, skills, affiliations

*Education:* I have a B.S. in mass communication from Black Hills State University (May 2007, writing minor) and a masters degree in international journalism from Baylor University (December 2010).

*Skills:* I've worked with data as a journalist since 2011, using spreadsheets, relational databases (MySQL, Postgres), Bash/Batch/Python scripts and various GIS programs on Windows and \*nix platforms. I've been developing web content using modern web frameworks and technologies (Django, Flask, Node, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML5, LESS, etc.) for a little less than that.

*Affiliations:* I'm a member of [Investigative Reporters and Editors](#); I've [recently begun contributing](#) code and data to the Open Elections project; I was a fellow at the [Knight Journalism Poverty Conference](#) in 2012.