### Experience



Luca Powell

Expansive investigative reporter with hard-coding skills and a deep writing background.

## Skills & Abilities

* Python, R, SQL, JavaScript, FOIA, DocumentCloud, Adobe Illustrator
* Native Italian speaker

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##### Traverse City Record-Eagle June 2021- June 2022

* Mined court records to document the extent of a rural hospital monopoly’s lawsuits, often targeting those without a means to pay or who should have been covered under charitable exemptions.
* Built a beat around hospital staffing shortages, including vaccine mandates, religious waivers, and hospital wait times.
* Documented systemic gaps in mental health support systems in Northwest Michigan.
* Used watchdog data to expose how out-of-town AirBnB owners exacerbate a regional housing shortage in Northwest Michigan.
* “Followed the money” as millions of PPP funds were routed to privately-owned cyber schools by the Michigan Department of Education.
* Scraped State regulatory data to expose the impact of COVID-19 on rural child-care providers. Collaborating now with MuckRock, The Detroit Free Press, and Bridge Michigan to expand this into a statewide investigation.

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##### Freelance Reporter Fall 2020 – June 2021

* Reported inordinate risk posed to Filipino nurses by COVID-19; [*The New York Times.*](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/15/nyregion/filipino-nurses-coronavirus.html)
* Produced an investigative capstone tracing the rehiring of “decertified” New York State police officers; [*The Intercept.*](https://theintercept.com/2021/07/08/new-york-police-decertification/)
* Investigated secret NYPD disciplinary findings for WNYC/Gothamist, including publishing hundreds of documents to DocumentCloud and visualizing these findings; [*WNYC*](https://gothamist.com/news/staten-island-files-explore-hundreds-previously-secret-nypd-misconduct-findings)*.*
* Scraped real-time election results with the Associated Press using Python libraries (Selenium).

##### THE CITY Summer 2020

* Investigated high COVID-19 death rates among sickle cell patients in NYC; *The City.*
* Broke news on the 70,000 long-COVID patients in NYC; *The City.*
* Wrote obituaries that featured in Missing Them, a digital memorial for New Yorkers who died of COVID-19 ; *The City.*

### Education

##### CUNY Newmark Graduate School of Journalism 2020 - 2021

* Teaching Assistant: Fundamentals of Data Journalism

##### Connecticut College 2012 - 2016

* Editor-in-Chief, *The College Voice*

### Awards

* Overseas Press Club Foundation Scholar, 2020 – 2021
* Michigan Press Association Awards for Business and Enterprise Reporting
  + Hospital room to the courtroom: Northern Michigan’s hospital system pursues hundreds of debtors through local courts; [*Traverse City Record-Eagle*](https://www.record-eagle.com/news/hospital-room-to-the-courtroom-northern-michigans-largest-hospital-system-pursues-hundreds-of-debtors-through/article_3e21c568-ec02-11eb-a7be-8b7e1f808fc7.html)*.*
  + Fleets of AirBnBs run by out-of-town management companies and owners; [*Traverse City Record-Eagle*](https://www.record-eagle.com/news/fleets-of-airbnbs-in-region-run-by-management-companies-out-of-town-owners/article_f22f84dc-5aa7-11ec-a0d6-8b1a82205392.html)*.*

### REFERENCES

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