Stephen Stirling

Investigative reporter, data and immersive storytelling specialist

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EXPERIENCE

Columbia Journalism Investigations

Voting Access Project Editor

January 2020 - PRESENT

➔ Manage varying team of four to six reporters on year-long investigation into voter access issues amid COVID pandemic.
➔ Steered collaboration between CJI, PBS Frontline and the USA Today Network, producing an hour long documentary, "Whose Vote Counts", and 10 digital/print articles, published in more than two dozen publications across Gannett's holdings.

NJ Advance Media/The Star-Ledger, New Jersey

Supervising Data Reporter

January 2011 - December 2019

➔ Produced daily stories, weekly and long-term enterprise recognized by national, regional and state awards.
➔ Spearheaded campaign to restructure newsroom's data architecture and data literacy programs for reporters
➔ Edited and supervised reporting of a team of up to six reporters.

Acting Editor, Data and Investigations

January 2019 - August 2019

➔ Managed a team of six reporters and workshopped major projects.

Local Reporter

September 2009 - December 2010

TimesLedger Newspapers, Queens, NY — *Reporter*

May 2006 - September 2009

Other Experience

FiveThirtyEight, Freelance writer

New York Daily News, Intern, 2006

Village Voice, Intern, 2005

SKILLS

Languages: HTML, CSS, Python, JavaScript, SQL

Abilities: Web scraping, data architecture, app deployment, chart and map design, mobile development

Tools: Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite, D3, Leaflet, Django, + many more

AWARDS

Winner, IRE FOI Award, 2019

Winner, ONA Awards, Public Service, 2019, Investigative Data Reporting. 2019

Winner, Scripps Howard Award, digital innovation, 2016

Finalist, ONA Awards, Investigative Data Reporting, 2018

Finalist, Livingston Award, 2018

Finalist, Data Journalism Awards, investigation of the year (2019), open data award (2018)

EDUCATION

Rowan University, 2006, Bachelor's Degree, Communications