Stephen Stirling

Investigative reporter, data and immersive storytelling specialist

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EXPERIENCE

NJ Advance Media/The Star-Ledger, New Jersey

Supervising Data Reporter

January 2011 - PRESENT

➔ Produce daily stories, weekly and long-term enterprise recognized by national, regional and state awards.
➔ Spearhead campaign to restructure newsroom's data architecture, taught monthly seminars on data reporting and visualization and built data portal for reporters to access data sources, tools and tutorials with ease.
➔ Edit and supervise 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 throughout newsroom.

Beat Reporter

September 2009 - December 2010

➔ Covered Somerset and Middlesex County, developing sources, breaking news and producing state-wide enterprise stories..

TimesLedger Newspapers, Queens, NY — *Reporter*

May 2006 - September 2009

➔ Covered state and local politics, crime, elections and issues such as development, education and infrastructure relevant to the publications' primary audience.
➔ Recognized for exceptional writing, copy editing, social media and attention-to-detail skills by editor-in-chief and evaluated for consistently exceeding expectations.

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, Tableau Public, Carto, Mapbox, Leaflet, Datawrapper, Plot.ly, Observable, Flourish, Workbench, Django, CSVKit

AWARDS

Winner, IRE FOI Award, 2019

Winner, Scripps Howard Award, digital innovation, 2016

Finalist, ONA Awards, Knight Award for Public Service (2019), Investigative Data Reporting (2018, 2019)

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