

VICTORIA A. IFATUSIN

Reporter, Data Enthusiast & Audio Producer



PERSONAL PROFILE

Curious, nosy and persistent reporter interested in data-driven investigations on criminal justice, higher education and their intersection. Amiable team-player in the newsroom and during tough interviews. Possesses creative, adaptable and analytical skills and is quick to spot inconsistencies. Always ready to learn, even if the lessons are difficult.

THINGS I'M PROUD OF

Part of a team that won IRE 2021 Medal for "Printing Hate"

National Association of Black Journalists - Member

Investigative Reporters & Editors/National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting - Member

Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting - Member

Cultural Vistas - Journalism in the Era of Disinformation (JED) Fellowship Recipient (2020)

Dean's List (Undergrad & Grad)

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars - Former Chapter President

I'M GOOD AT...

Writing (for print & audio) · Research · Fact-Checking · Wordpress · Arc · Microsoft Excel · R & R Studio (learning Python!) · Github (learning Actions & Copilot) · VS Studio · Flourish · Datawrapper · Illustrator · Chart.js · Zoom H5 · Audio Production · Audition · Board Operations · Screen-Calling · Sony A7iii · Digital & Film Photography · Videography · Lightroom · Premiere · Social Media · Studio Lighting · Yoruba

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[Click here to see my Github!](#)

From NYC, currently located in the DMV (Maryland), but always willing to relocate.

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Capital News Service

Reporter

College Park, MD

01/2023 - Present

- Pitching and writing data stories about crime, higher education and other topics in Maryland.
- Using programming languages like R for data analysis and visualizing the findings through software like Flourish, Datawrapper and Illustrator.

Howard Center for Investigative Journalism

Reporter, Fellow

College Park, MD

06/2021 - Present

- Currently conducting data collection and analysis on an investigative collaboration between the center and the Associated Press looking into police conduct.
- Oversaw the [data on an investigation looking into sports betting policies on college campuses](#) by creating a dataset and conducting analysis on information collected by reporters from campuses. The investigation was featured on PBS News Hour.
- As part of Printing Hate, I managed a team of three in the coverage of Slocum, Texas in writing the [main story](#) and [sidebar](#) after traveling to Texas to interview and take photos of subjects. Also assisted teammates on covering [Lowndes County, Georgia](#) and rigorously fact-checked stories from other teams covering Mississippi and Waco, Texas.

Staten Island Advance

Intern, Freelancer

Staten Island, NY

09/2019 - 05/2021

- Photographed and covered local events and news throughout Staten Island, ranging from the [city's cost of eradicating emerald ash borers](#) to [local students promoting wellness equity in high schools](#).
- Conducted town hall meetings and offered advice when reporting on the borough's underprivileged neighborhoods for their ["Disparity Project."](#)

NewsCo, CNN

Editorial Experimentation Contributor

Remote

08/2020 - 10/2020

- Collaborated with two teammates to develop a news app where users tell the stories.
- Wrote, produced, and edited multiple [experimental videos](#) that would serve as a blueprint for potential users.

SiriusXM

Programming Talk Intern

Manhattan, NY

02/2020 - 05/2020

- Implemented new ways to cover the 2020 Presidential Democratic Debates and fact-checked various candidates' contacts, statements and statistics for on-air.
- Researched and crafted questions for on-air interviews, and edited audio and graphics for [social media](#).

The Banner (CSI's Newspaper)

Reporter, Opinion Editor, Managerial Editor

Staten Island, NY

02/2017 - 08/2019

- Served as only hard news reporter before becoming an editor in 2018.
- Covered news such as [campus break-ins](#) and [town hall for March For Our Lives](#) focused on the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.
- Suggested brand new ideas such as [Student Government President's First 100 Days](#).
- Assisted in the recruitment of new writers and advertising of the newspaper.

WSIA, Staten Island, 88.9 FM (CSI's Radio Station)

Radio Host

Staten Island, NY

04/2017 - 02/2018

- Bridged a link between school newspaper and radio show to broadcast the college newspaper's news to the campus community on-air.
- Hosted a news radio show and engaged in board operations.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

The Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland

Master of Journalism, Investigative Focus | August 2021 - May 2023

- Received a Fellowship with the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism after acceptance into school.

The College of Staten Island, The City University of New York

Bachelor of Science in Journalism | August 2016 - May 2020

- Minors in English Writing & Photography, May 2020
- Magna Cum Laude, Elliott Rubinstein Award for Academic Excellence