

RILEY BEGGIN

REPORTER

PROFILE SUMMARY

Multi-platform journalist with a track record of impactful enterprise reporting and narrative storytelling. I cover politics and public policy for the leading statewide nonprofit journalism outlet in one of America's favorite swing states, Michigan.

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EDUCATION

University of Missouri (2017)
Master's Degree in Journalism
Investigative and Audio Reporting

University of Wisconsin (2013)
Bachelor of Arts
History and International Studies

HONORS AND AWARDS

- SPJ Detroit Excellence in Journalism Award: 4 awards in online news, including 1st place for Feature Writing (2019)
- Michigan Press Association Award: Feature Reporting, 3rd place (2019)
- PRNDI Award: Best Student Hard Feature (2017)
- Regional Edward R. Murrow Award: Investigative Reporting (2017)

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

SQL, Microsoft Excel and Access, Adobe Audition, Hindenburg, Audacity, ProTools, state and federal FOIA, basic Python, video shooting and production, audio recording.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bridge Michigan

Capitol Watchdog Reporter (January 2018 - present)

- Produce award-winning in-depth and enterprise coverage of Michigan politics for the state's leading nonprofit news outlet, including multiple stories that have directly impacted policy.
- Beat specialty areas include campaigns and elections, voting, ethics and transparency, criminal justice and cannabis regulation.
- Employ Excel, Nexis, FOIA and other tools to analyze data, find public records and background subjects while reporting.
- Report live using Facebook Live and Twitter.
- Collaborate with statewide public radio networks to create produced news features.
- Provide expert explanations and analysis of policy issues on statewide broadcast programs and at public events, representing Bridge.

Southern California Public Radio

Digital News Clerk (July 2017 - January 2018)

- Reported breaking news and general assignment stories about local and national news. Produced stories for the web and newscast.
- Helped manage KPCC's homepage, wrote social media copy and selected wire stories for the website.
- Submitted and pursued FOIA requests to dozens of LA-area police departments, collected and edited audio, and interviewed sources for the "Repeat" podcast about the LA County Sheriff's Department.

ABC News, Washington D.C. Bureau

Kaplan Fellow (January 2017 - June 2017)

- Reported breaking political news stories for ABC's digital platforms. Coverage areas included the U.S. Congress, the Trump administration, federal agencies, international affairs and protests.
- Helped produce and book the the "Powerhouse Politics" podcast and managed the show's digital coverage.
- Produced live news video with ABC correspondents in the field, shot Facebook Live video and conducted in-depth research for "World News Tonight" and "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

KBIA — NPR-affiliate radio station, Columbia MO

Reporter, Anchor and Producer (August 2015 - December 2016)

- Wrote, voiced, edited and produced on-air news and enterprise stories, including an award-winning investigation into lead service line testing in St. Louis, MO.
- Wrote and voiced the local newscast broadcast during NPR's "Morning Edition" and reported, produced and edited weekly talk shows about community storytelling and international affairs.

National Public Radio

Investigations Intern (June 2016 - August 2016)

- Researched and pre-interviewed sources for national investigations about the funeral industry, criminal justice system, low-income housing and immigration.
- Reported for the national news desk in breaking news situations such as the Orlando nightclub shooting.
- Analyzed data in Excel and Access, filed and pursued federal FOIA requests, wrote copy and gathered, dubbed and edited audio for air.
- Pitched and wrote freelance stories for "All Tech Considered."