

Zachary R. Newman

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Experience

9News (KUSA-TV)

February 2019 - Present

Investigative Data Producer, 9Wants to Know; Colorado

- Employ SQL, Excel, Flourish, ArcGIS and Google Sheets to analyze data obtained through open records requests and visualize that analysis.
- Act as an off-air reporter to pursue long and short-term stories across digital and broadcast platforms independently and alongside other members of 9Wants to Know.
- Execute comprehensive undercover investigations, such as in Colorado gun stores.
- Winner of regional 2020 Edward R. Murrow Award for data work on “A Vivitrol ‘Success’ Story.”

MSNBC

February 2018 - Present

Anchor Producer and Digital Producer, MSNBC Live; New York

- Fact-check statistics and produce various deep-dive segments to explain the nuances of the news cycle.
- Fact-find for MSNBC Legal Unit digital and broadcast pieces.
- Administer social newsgathering techniques to identify and clear compelling user generated content. Pre-interview guests before going on-air.

Project HH

July 2018 - Present

Investigative Field Producer, Long-Form Documentary, Ask for more details

- Rough cut of the documentary aired in the Kennedy Center in November 2019.
- Build sources within vulnerable communities.
- Handle logistics for two ongoing national documentaries with cross-country travel.
- Request and manage Freedom of Information Act requests with numerous government entities.

ABC News

September 2017 - January 2018

Investigative Fellow, Investigative Unit; New York

- Built complex data sets using FOIA requests. An investigation on ankle bracelets embraced these skills and aired on the newsmagazine program “20/20.”
- Employed editorial skills and knowledge of public documents to compile deep-dive and quick-turn research packets used towards broadcasts.

NBC News

January 2017 - April 2017

Intern, Andrea Mitchell and Foreign Affairs Unit; Washington D.C.

- Investigated technical aspects of world politics using advanced web search tools for “Nightly News” pieces on NBC and “Andrea Mitchell Reports” on MSNBC.
- Used research to develop questions for interviews with news-making politicians such as former Vice President Joe Biden.

CBS News

June 2016 - August 2016

Intern, Radio News; New York

- Winner of the CBS News Intern Project. Field produced a story chosen by senior executives to air nationally on CBSN.
- Helped produce “America Works,” a radio documentary that won a national 2016 Sigma Delta Chi Award.

KOMU-TV

August 2013 - December 2016

Investigative and General Assignment Reporter; Missouri

- Utilized computer assisted reporting tools, such as PivotTables, to assemble long-form investigations for sweeps.
- One-man-band responsible for video capture, editing using Avid, breaking news, using Twitter and Vine, and writing web stories/television scripts with iNews.

Education

University of Missouri

- Bachelor of Journalism, Convergence Radio/TV emphasis (July 2017).
- Member of honor society Omicron Delta Kappa.

Activities

Boy Scouts of America

- Communications Merit Badge Instructor and Volunteer; April 2018 – January 2019
- Eagle Scout; March 2013

Zaching Against Cancer Foundation,

2013 – Present, Ambassador, Global

ThirdKind Improv; May 2019 -

Present, Improv Performer

- Member of a comedy team performing across Colorado.
- Latest home in eight years of doing improv comedy nationwide.

Skills

I maintain proficiency in:

- SQL, Excel, Google Sheets and Tabula to clean and analyze data.
- Knowledge of state and national open records laws to obtain documents and data.
- Map creation with ArcGIS, Google Maps and geocaching.
- Accurint, Nexis and PACER.
- Edius, Adobe Premiere Pro, Avid, Quick Edit Pro, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and web design.
- SEO, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Tweetdeck and DataMinr.
- Photography and videography using 360-degree cameras, Sony XD's, DSLR's and iPhones.
- Certified in mental health first aid by the National Council for Behavioral Health.

References

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