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Experience

Star Tribune   *December 2017 – present*

- *Deputy managing editor (August 2021 - present)*
- *Senior digital editor (December 2017 - August 2021)*

I lead our newsroom's digital efforts and the teams most responsible for making them happen: Audience, Digital Design, Graphics, Data, Video/Audio and Tools & Technology. Much of my work has focused on collaboratively leading digital and cultural transformation initiatives, such as: implementing our first digital-first CMS; flipping our workflows to be digital-first; and developing a content strategy focused on the needs of our audience and the power of digital story forms. I'm also proud to have helped craft and model new systems for equitable hiring and career development.

The New York Times   *March 2013 – October 2017*

- *Editor, Interactive News (September 2016 - October 2017)*
- *Deputy editor, Interactive News (June 2014 - September 2016)*
- *Assistant editor, Interactive News (March 2013 - June 2014)*

I led the Interactive News desk, a team of 20 developer/journalists responsible for creating new story forms, building tools and products, and working with reporters and editors to support digital storytelling. Highlights include leading the team's engineering work around major events, including the Olympics and live results for the 2016 elections. We also pioneered early work on journalist-driven newsletters, live briefings, live chats and other story forms that have since become ubiquitous.

Hot Type Consulting   *March 2009 – present*

- *Founding partner*

We provide web development, technical services and strategic consulting to media clients. We have worked on dozens of projects for companies in the United States and Europe, but we are best known for helping build and launch the *Texas Tribune*.

The Center for Investigative Reporting   *August 2009 – January 2013*

- *Director of technology (April 2011 – January 2013)*
- *Reporter (August 2009 – April 2011)*

I led the Center's data journalism and website engineering teams during a period of rapid expansion. Prior to that I worked as a reporter, where, among other things, I uncovered a money laundering scheme that led to one of the largest campaign finance fines in state history. I also built interactive projects, including an iPhone app that helped Californians assess seismic safety in public schools.

Des Moines Register   *November 2008 – July 2009*

- *Reporter*

I worked as an investigative and data reporter. Projects included a series that identified holes in state air pollution monitoring systems, which won two of the state's highest journalism awards in 2010.

Houston Chronicle   *September 2006 – November 2008*

- *Reporter*

I worked as a reporter and data specialist on the investigative desk, where I focused primarily on local and state government. I also contributed to staff coverage of Hurricane Ike.

Education and skills

Education: Graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2006 with a B.J. in journalism and minors in Spanish and political science. Interned as a general assignment reporter at six newspapers, including The Boston Globe.

Teaching: Created a course in advanced data journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia and taught it from 2013-2020. Taught machine learning for the LEDE data journalism program at Columbia University, summer 2015. Taught investigative and computer-assisted reporting as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston, fall 2007 and 2008. Regular speaker and trainer for IRE/NICAR since 2005.

Technical skills: 15+ years of experience analyzing data and building tools, data visualizations and interactive applications using a variety of languages and frameworks common to newsrooms, including Python/Django, Ruby/Rails, R, Svelte, d3.js and many others. Extensive experience using and teaching databases, spreadsheets, GIS software and other standard data journalism tools. Experience building resilient cloud infrastructures for complex and high-traffic applications, including Election Night results at The New York Times. Was an early leader in using natural language processing, machine learning and commercial data science techniques to solve practical problems in newsgathering.