

Erin Mansfield

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Experience

USA TODAY Network | Columbus, OH Midwest Investigative Reporter | Nov 2019 to Present

- Produce quick-turn investigative stories on COVID-19
- Use R, Python and Excel to work with large data sets

Tyler Morning Telegraph | Tyler, TX Government Reporter | Jan 2018 to Oct 2019

- Wrote a Python program that turned a csv file into a series of strings that could be used as a bulleted list in a story
- Used Excel and R to perform a first-of-its-kind data analysis on Smith County's jail population
- Led and organized coverage of two Statehouse and two county elections in the 2018 general election

Vermont PBS | Colchester, VT Panelist | Jun 2015 to Nov 2017

- Appeared on a statewide public affairs talk show

VTDigger.org | Montpelier, VT Health Care and Business Reporter | Sep 2015 to Nov 2017

Relief Reporter | Feb 2015 to Sep 2015

- Performed first-of-their kind investigations on Vermont's \$1.7 billion annual Medicaid budget and \$1.2 billion in related IT spending
- Spearheaded investigations on health care antitrust, federal and state solar energy subsidies, a federal broadband grant, and EB-5 fraud at the Hotel Jay

Rutland Herald | Rutland, VT Staff Writer | Aug 2014 to Feb 2015 Correspondent | Sep 2013 to Aug 2014

- Compiled town-level public policy trends into statewide trends for daily stories and Sunday long-form pieces for two sister daily papers in Vermont
- Investigated and exposed landowner issues along a controversial interstate utility project, leading to a state-level re-assessment of landowner rights

Rutland City Public Schools | Rutland, VT Guest Teacher | Feb 2013 to Jun 2014

- Managed classrooms of 15 to 30 students

New York Civil Liberties Union | Long Island, NY Social Media Volunteer | Sep 2012 to Aug 2014 Community Organizing Intern | Spring, Fall 2011

- Gave PowerPoint presentations on immigration law

United States Senate | Washington, DC Legislative Intern, Sen. Bernie Sanders | Sum 2011

- Created an Excel database of health legislation

Education

University of Texas at Tyler | Tyler, TX M.B.A. | Expected 2021

- Beta Gamma Sigma (Top 10%)

Stony Brook University, SUNY | Long Island, NY

B.A. Economics; Spanish Language & Literature | Jan 2013

- Minor in Journalism: 21 credits
- Editorial board member of the *Stony Brook Press* from Sep 2008 to Dec 2009
- Studied abroad at Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina

Data

Microsoft Excel | filtering, sorting, cleaning, IF statements, text-to-columns
R | selecting, filtering, joining, importing and exporting data using tidyverse package
Python | statistical analysis, file conversion, concatenating lists, and running for loops in pandas library; basic HTML scraping using bs4 library
csvkit | clean data in the OS command line
Tableau | all chart types, trend lines, statistical analysis

Awards

First Place | 2019 Anson Jones MD Award, Small-Circulation Print, Texas Medical Association. For a data investigation on opioid addiction in East Texas.

Third Place | 2019 Star Reporter of the Year, Class 3A, Texas Associated Press Managing Editors. For a portfolio of work with the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Finalist | 2017 Al Neuharth Innovation in Investigative Journalism, Online News Association. Shared award for VTDigger's team coverage of EB-5 Fraud at Jay Peak.

Affiliations

Investigative Reporters and Editors
Association of Health Care Journalists
Society of Professional Journalists