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## Work history

### **Reporter, Better Government Association/PolitiFact Illinois, 4/2017-present**

- Research and write fact-checks of statements related to Illinois politics that appear on the websites of the [Better Government Association](http://www.bettergovernment.org) and [PolitiFact Illinois](http://www.politifact.org). In this capacity, I also appeared regularly on radio and television to promote PolitiFact Illinois.

### **Editor, Reboot Illinois, 7/2012-4/2017**

- Was founding editor of this startup devoted to encouraging citizen involvement in Illinois government and politics. Helped launch the [rebootillinois.com](http://rebootillinois.com) website, wrote op-ed pieces and news analysis during a critical period in which cynicism toward Illinois politics was high and the state struggled through a sluggish economic recovery following the Great Recession. Frequently appeared on live panels, radio and television news shows discussing many topics in Illinois politics. Created infographics and videos on relevant topics. Researched and wrote fact-checks when Reboot Illinois became the Illinois affiliate of the national fact-checking website PolitiFact.
- **Editorial page editor, The State Journal-Register, 1/2008-7-2012**
- Wrote editorials, led editorial board, selected community members of the editorial board, supervised content of the editorial and op-ed pages. This included scheduling interviews for and writing political endorsements in election seasons.

### **Assistant editorial page editor, The State Journal-Register, 8/2002-1/2008**

### **Weekend and substitute metro editor, The State Journal-Register, 5/2007-7-2012**

- Supervised reporting staff on Saturday evenings and edit all news copy for Sunday and Monday newspapers; served as metro editor of news staff in the absence of the day or evening metro editors. This included assigning and editing news coverage by staff of 15 reporters and coordinating photo coverage.

### **Arts and entertainment writer/editor, The State Journal-Register, 3/1993-7/2002**

- Covered local arts and entertainment events, wrote feature stories on area artists and performers, followed television and radio as a news beat, provided analysis of significant events in broadcasting, arts and entertainment. Wrote a twice-weekly column.

### **General assignment/feature reporter, The State Journal-Register, 7/1990-3/1993**

- Covered police, government, business and breaking news and wrote general interest feature stories on a wide range of topics.

**Police reporter/weekend night city editor, The Capital Times, Madison, Wis., 12/1988-6/1990**

- Covered crime and police issues including county and federal court stories. As weekend night city editor, oversaw local news coverage and layout.

**General assignment reporter, The New York Post, New York, 4/1988-11/1988**

- Covered breaking news, part time.

**Reporter, The Hudson Dispatch, Union City, N.J., 12/1987-12/1988**

- Covered city government, education and police in Jersey City and various other municipalities in New Jersey's Hudson and Bergen counties.

**Education**

Master of Science, journalism, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1987

Bachelor of Arts, communications, Saint Louis University, Summa Cum Laude, 1986

Associate of Arts, Springfield College in Illinois, 1984

**Awards**

2012 Editorial Writer of the Year, GateHouse Media

Illinois Press Association, 2004, 2006

Illinois Associated Press Editorial Excellence Award, 2001

James S. Copley Ring of Truth Award, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 2006