

# 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.

## CONTACT

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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

- Young Journalist of the Year, SPJ Detroit (2020)
- SPJ Detroit: 4 awards in online news, including 1st place for Feature Writing (2019)
- Michigan Press Association Awards: 1st place Feature Reporting (2020), 3rd place Feature Reporting (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 Magazine

#### 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 public records tools to analyze data, find public records and background subjects while reporting.
- Report live using Facebook Live and Twitter.
- Collaborate with Michigan Radio to create produced news features.
- Provide expert explanations and analysis of policy issues on statewide broadcast programs and at public events representing Bridge.

### Vox

#### Contributing Reporter, Politics and Policy (June 2019 - present)

- Write breaking and in-depth, explanatory stories about national and international political news.
- Coverage areas have included the 2020 Democratic presidential primary races, Middle Eastern foreign policy, Trump administration and more.

### 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 "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.
- 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 interviewed sources for national investigations about the funeral industry, prison system, low-income housing and more.
- 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."