

STEVE GARRISON

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An experienced reporter seeking opportunities to inform the public and expose wrongdoing.

EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2019 – PRESENT

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS

- Perform research for news organizations and freelance reporters
- Assisted in research for the upcoming edition of the Investigative Reporter's Handbook
- Update the IRE website and manage archival material requests

NOVEMBER 2016 – DECEMBER 2018

COURTS REPORTER, TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

- Reported on local and federal courts in Lake County, Indiana
- Wrote a three-part investigative series on problems within the state's home daycare system.
- Investigated allegations of fraud and deceit against a local insurance salesman charged with operating a multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme.

JUNE 2014 – OCTOBER 2016

CRIME REPORTER, THE FARMINGTON (N.M.) DAILY TIMES

- Reported on breaking news and courts in northwest New Mexico and on the Navajo Nation
- Investigated negligent medical care at the local jail, which resulted in changes to local law and multiple lawsuits.
- Reported extensively on two national news stories: The Gold King Mine Spill in August 2015 and the kidnapping and murder of 11-year-old Ashlynne Mike in May 2016.

JANUARY 2013 – JUNE 2014

COURTS/EDUCATION REPORTER, LAKE COUNTRY PUBLICATIONS

- Reported on the local courts and K-12 education system in north Waukesha County, Wisconsin.
- Broke news that Rep. Bill Kramer faced sexual assault charges in March 2014.
- Helped create a multimedia project on the rise of opioid abuse in the Milwaukee suburbs.

EDUCATION

EXPECTED DECEMBER 2020

M.A., JOURNALISM, MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

MAY 2013

B.A., PRINT JOURNALISM, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

SKILLS

- FOIA and public records law
- Data analysis and visualization
- Web scraping and APIs
- Social media and SEO
- Investigative research tools, including LexisNexis, Pacer and Guidestar

AWARDS

Atwater Memorial Writing Prize

2019

Missouri School of Journalism

Awarded for “a body of work done in the summer of 2019, in the midst of a season of severe weather and flooding in mid-Missouri.”

Best Investigative Reporting, 3rd Place

2018

Indiana Associated Press Media Editors

“Merrillville day care operator collected thousands while homes were in violation of law”

Best Spot News Coverage, 2nd Place

2018

Indiana Associated Press Media Editors

“Police find guns, knives, liquor bottles at day care where children present”

Breaking news – Digital, 1st Place

2016

New Mexico Press Association

The Daily Times was recognized for its coverage of the kidnapping and murder of Ashlynn Mike.

Best Series or Continuing Coverage, 1st Place

Public Service Award, 1st Place

2016

New Mexico Press Association

The Daily Times was recognized for its coverage of the 2015 Gold King Mine spill.

Best News Coverage, 1st Place

2015

New Mexico Press Association

The Daily Times was recognized for best coverage among large-circulation, daily newspapers.