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Experience

The Boston Herald

September 2019 to present

State politics reporter

April 2020 to present

- Responsible for State House reporting duties, covering the Legislature, governor and state agencies.
- Cultivated sources including lawmakers, lobbyists and pundits.
- Hit the campaign trail covering Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Vice President Joe Biden in New Hampshire during early primaries and then following congressional and state races into September.
- Byline drove 4.5 million website hits in 2020; wrote 695 articles.

Housing and development reporter

September 2019 to April 2020

- Covered Boston City Hall with a focus on housing and development issues.
- Managed social media platforms, and aided with web duties and breaking news alerts during morning and weekend shifts.

The Patriot Ledger

November 2017 to September 2019

Associate editor/Quincy politics reporter

June 2018 to September 2019

- Monitored Quincy politics, serving as a city hall watchdog.
- Built the paper's first housing and development beat exploring the intersection of development and poverty and the city's changing demographics.
- Filled in as the news desk editor on weekends and holidays as needed.

Crime reporter

November 2017 to June 2018

- Covered Norfolk and Plymouth county courts and police departments.
- Chronicled trials such as the [Puppy Doe case](#) out of Quincy District Court.
- Created daily newsletters and built up the newspaper's social media presence.

Metro Boston, reporter

October 2016 to 2017

- Reported politics and spot news for daily newspapers and websites based in Boston, Philadelphia and New York City with a combined monthly readership of 4 million.
- Researched and reported two to three enterprise stories weekly.
- Navigated analytics tools and manipulated SEO to maximize readership.

Hanover, Norwell Mariners; Somerville Journal, reporter

March 2013 to October 2016

- Managed reporters and interns to produce two weekly newspapers.
- Promoted from a suburban editorial position to the editor in Somerville.
- Researched and broke watchdog stories on local and regional issues.
- Maintained daily deadlines for WickedLocal websites.

Patch.com

January 2012 to December 2012

Rhode Island Field Editor

July to December 2012

- Collaborated with a team of four to coordinate comprehensive coverage across six hyperlocal news websites.

- Increased overall site traffic by 30% through development of multimedia coverage.
- Assisted in managing 12 social media accounts to drive web traffic and increase reader engagement.

Local Editor January 2012 to December 2012

- Covered local politics, culture, business, crime and breaking news in Tiverton and Little Compton, increasing monthly readership more than 66% in seven months.
- Developed social media sites, increasing readership and engagement.

Staff Writer - The Independent, Wakefield, RI January 2010 to December 2011

- Worked as a municipal reporter, covering town council and school committee meetings at one of southern Rhode Island's leading weekly newspapers.

Awards

- Reporter of the Year, New England Newspaper Association, 2019
- Social Issues Feature Story, First place, New England Newspaper Association, 2019
 - Awarded for series on housing and homelessness on the South Shore.
- Environmental Reporting, First place, New England Newspaper Association, 2019
 - Awarded for investigative report on a rare lung disease in the Fore River Basin.
- Business/Economic Reporting, First Place, New England Newspaper Association, 2019
 - Awarded for report on Quincy's building boom and lack of affordable housing.
- Editorial Writing, First place, New England Newspaper Association, 2015
 - Awarded for take on the perils of government-owned wind turbines.
- Publick Occurrences Award for Outstanding Journalism, New England Newspaper Association, 2015
 - Awarded for special report on addiction and the opioid epidemic.
- Government Reporting, Third place, New England Newspaper Association, 2015
- Environmental Reporting, Third place, New England Newspaper Association, 2015

Certificates

- Leadership Certificate for Newsroom Managers, Poynter News University, 2016
- Digital News Gathering certificate, Poynter News University, 2016
- Social Media Strategy certificate, Poynter News University, 2016

Skills

Proficient in photography, videography, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Final Cut Pro, iMovie. Knowledge of Python and R programming languages for data processing and visualizations. Fluent in AP Style and online content management systems.

Education

B.A., Journalism and Public Relations, Spanish Minor, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, May 2010

Study abroad, Salamanca, Spain, 2008.

Clips available at erintiernan.journoportfolio.com. References available upon request.