

# Will Katcher

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## Professional Experience

### **Investigative Reporter, MassLive;** June 2023 - present

- Reporting in Boston-based investigative role focused on stories with statewide importance.
- Key investigative coverage explored the high financial cost of a secret legal battle between UMass Medical School and its hospital partner, work of state's police oversight commission, and local research to address climate-linked challenges facing the cranberry industry.

### **Reporter, MassLive;** March 2021 - June 2023

- Evolved from freelance to full-time role covering the city of Northampton, MA. Focused on local government, pandemic business recovery and regional higher education. Balanced in-depth reporting with daily breaking news assignments.
- Stories explored the devastating cost of the coronavirus on the unvaccinated, how closing a rural Veteran Affairs hospital would significantly burden veterans seeking quality medical care, and the unplanned effects of a booming cannabis industry in Northampton.
- Recipient: 2022 New England Newspaper and Press Association (NENPA) Publick Occurrence Award for coverage of the potential closure of Northampton's Veterans Affairs hospital.

### **Freelance Reporter, AMC Outdoors Magazine;** June 2020 - April 2021

- Wrote feature stories on cave conservation, landmark environmental legislation and how small outdoor recreation businesses weathered the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Reporter, The GroundTruth Project;** Nov. 2018

- Covered the 2018 Midterm Elections with a focus on the historic turnout that defined the day.

## Education

### **University of Massachusetts Amherst;** Commonwealth Honors College, May 2021

BA, Journalism; Minor in History; Dean's List Fall 2017 through Spring 2021

### **Center for Strategic and International Studies Journalism Bootcamp;** December 2020

Participated in intensive week-long international journalism program. Reported on impact of deforestation on local Amazon Basin indigenous groups and how they are responding.

## Skills

- Highly experienced photographer, skilled in photo editing and post-production. Proficient in Adobe Lightroom.
- Skilled in Datawrapper and Flourish (data visualization programs).