

TAYLOR STEVENS

WORK EXPERIENCE

KSTU FOX 13 NEWS, *Investigative reporter* — January 2024 to present

- Produced investigative stories for broadcast, web and social media through the E.W. Scripps Company's national Journalism Journey Initiative, which trains veteran print reporters to bring their skills into broadcast newsrooms.
- Reported on issues ranging from homelessness to the state's lucrative plastic surgery and troubled teen industries.
- Produced a series of investigative stories focused on the misuse of seclusionary time-out in Utah schools, prompting changes to the state's seclusion law.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, *Researcher, reporter and fact checker* — August 2022 to April 2024

- Worked as a contracted reporter with The Associated Press' Global Investigations Team on the "Lethal Restraint" project, a national investigation into force that wasn't meant to kill.
- Fact checked key details of all 1,036 deaths in the database, including the force officers used.
- Filed around 250 public records requests across 22 states to vet potential cases. This work culminated with the addition of approximately 120 cases into AP's database.
- Lead writer on the methodology explaining to readers how AP investigated these deaths.

FREELANCE JOURNALIST — August 2021 to August 2022

- Produced stories featured in The Salt Lake Tribune, The Arizona Republic and other outlets.

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, *State government reporter* — April 2020 to August 2021

- Covered state government, including the Legislature and high-profile 2020 governor's race.
- Led coverage on homelessness beyond the Salt Lake Valley, including in rural Utah, through a grant from the Local Media Association.
- Covered the fast-paced, 45-day state legislative session in 2021 and also reported on several special sessions called by lawmakers to deal with the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

City and county reporter — September 2017 to April 2020

- Reported primarily on local government and politics in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County.
- Covered breaking news and helped the health, education and business desks when needed.

Politics intern — January to August 2017

EDUCATION

M.A. INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM —
Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ 2022

- Completed coursework focused on solutions and data journalism, open source investigations and multimedia storytelling.
- Traveled to Tapachula, Mexico to report on immigration as part of the Cronkite school's Southwest Borderlands Initiative.

B.A. COMMUNICATION —
Westminster University, Salt Lake City, UT 2018

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Adobe Audition
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Premiere
- Chartbeat
- Conversational Spanish
- Public record requests
- Research
- Signal (secure messaging)

AWARDS

- Utah Society for Professional Journalists, 2022*
- COVID-19 Investigative, 1st place, (Div. A)
 - Continuing coverage, 1st place, (Div. A.)
- Utah Society for Professional Journalists, 2019*
- Best Newspaper Reporter, (Div. A)