

# TAYLOR STEVENS

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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

- Produced multi-platform investigative stories through the [E.W. Scripps Journalism Journey Initiative](#), which recruited experienced print reporters to broadcast newsrooms.
- Reported a series of investigative stories focused on the [misuse of seclusionary time-out](#) in Utah schools, which a legislator [credited for prompting changes to state law](#).
- Published an 11-part investigation [into Utah nursing home abuses](#), including questions about [spending at government-owned nursing homes](#) that has sparked legislative review.
- Exposed abuses in Utah's "[troubled teen](#)," [adoption](#) and [cosmetic surgery](#) industries.

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 and bylined reporter on a piece showing how officers broke safety guidelines before fatalities.

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 the [fast-paced, 45-day legislative session](#) and fallout [from the coronavirus pandemic](#).
- Led reporting on homelessness [beyond the Salt Lake Valley](#), including [in rural Utah](#), through a grant from the Local Media Association.
- Covered [presidential candidates in Utah](#) and the competitive [gubernatorial](#) and [CD4 races](#).

*City and county reporter* — September 2017 to April 2020

- Covered [elections](#), the [community response to homelessness](#), the controversial [inland port](#) development, allegations of [aggressive behavior by a small-town mayor](#) and [public safety](#).

*Politics intern* — January to August 2017

## EDUCATION

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

- Completed coursework focused on solutions and data journalism, open source investigations and multimedia storytelling.
- Traveled to Tapachula, Mexico, to report on [immigration as lead reporter](#) for the Cronkite school's Southwest Borderlands Initiative.

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

## AWARDS

- *Regional Edward R. Murrow award* for Continuing Coverage of seclusion, June 2026
- *Regional Emmy award* for Education reporting on seclusion, November 2025
- *Pulitzer Prize Finalist* for Investigative Reporting on "Lethal Restraint," May 2025
- *Utah SPJ* first place, COVID-19 Investigative Reporting, 2022
- *Utah SPJ*, first place, Continuing Coverage of homelessness in Utah, 2022
- *Utah SPJ* Best Newspaper Reporter, June 2019