BENJAMIN RAPPAPORT

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EXPERIENCE

NPR: The Sunday Story — New York, New York
Freelance Producer — September 2026 - Present
Longform Podcasting Fellow — June 2026 - September 2026

- Produced and sound-designed 5+ longform weekly narrative podcast episodes with reach of 500,000+ listeners per episode.
- Storyboarded and edited scripts with reporters, restructuring scenes and better utilizing tape to sharpen narrative momentum
- Wrote host tracks, scripts and promotional materials for weekly episodes.
    - CLIPS: How a Denver protest that sparked the disability rights movement, Sunscreen's effectiveness is complicated, The growing movement to secede from Illinois

Border Belt Independent — Columbus County, North Carolina
Staff Reporter — June 2023 - July 2026

- Created data visualizations in Flourish and Datawrapper and wrote stories highlighting underreported trends in rural southeastern North Carolina including the rise of unaffiliated voters and decreases in student crime rates.
- Reported and produced weekly investigative and enterprise stories on education, the environment, elections and local government in rural southeastern North Carolina.
    - CLIPS: The Abandoned Pools of Columbus County, Development pits rural way of life against need for progress and The Closure of St. Andrews University
- Managed social media newsroom presence, including creating Instagram posts about our reporting including carousels about struggling farmers, solar farms and local elections.

Chatham News + Record — Chatham County, North Carolina
Staff Reporter, Social Media Editor — April 2022 - June 2023

- Reported daily stories on local government, education, business and rural communities to serve Chatham County.
    - CLIPS: The Fight for Merry Oaks Baptist Church, VinFast's impact on Chatham County
- Revamped Instagram and Facebook feeds and increased engagement across platforms by more than 20% through carousel posts and important Spanish-language content to our Latino readership on La Voz De Chatham.

Bush Radio — Cape Town, South Africa
Reporting Intern — Jan 2022 - April 2022

- Hosted "The Moves," a weekly on-air show about transportation issues including the impact of new beachfront construction on pedestrian safety, and a lack of accessible entrances throughout the Western Cape.
- Researched and produced daily radio news packages about Cape Town, South Africa including stories on controversy over the Sea Point Promenade and political struggles between Cape Town Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis and President Cyril Ramaphosa.

97.9 The Hill WCHL and Chapelboro.com — Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Staff Reporter-Producer — Aug 2019 - May 2022

- Produced local news coverage on municipal policy, development, and local governance issues in Chapel Hill/Carrboro
    - CLIPS: A new housing development finally breaks ground after yearslong dispute, UNC protest over Nikole Hannah-Jones

Carolina Connection — Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Reporter and Producer — Dec 2019 - Dec 2020

- Wrote, edited and produced daily web and radio stories on the Orange County community and local governments.
    - CLIPS: Birdwatching during COVID-19, "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People"

EDUCATION

Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY — New York, New York
Master of Arts in Journalism: Concentration in Health and Science Reporting, Specialization in Audio Journalism — Dec 2026

- CLIPS: How Death Doulas are preparing for NY's new Law, Mamdani Motivates NYC Pakistanis, Harlem Art Gallery Faces Threat and Trash Can Inequity across NYC

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill — Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Bachelor of Arts in Media and Journalism [*Cum Laude*] — Dec 2021
Minors in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE), Urban Studies and Planning

SKILLS & PUBLICATIONS

Work has also appeared in: Prism**,** *Our State Magazine, Raleigh News & Observer*, *The Assembly, Hunterbrook Media, Rest of World*
Awards from: North Carolina Press Association, Edward R. Murrow Awards, Radio Television Digital News Association
Technical: Pro Tools, Adobe Audition, WordPress CMS management and SEO optimization, HTML and CSS, Datawrapper, Flourish
Production: Audio Mixing and Mastering, Field Recording, On-Air Hosting, Audio Editing, Social Media Management
Interests: Storytelling**,** death and dying, Dodgers baseball, protected bike lanes, corny dad jokes