

Aaron Patrick Hegarty

aphegarty@protonmail.com | (531) 777-3129 | aaronhegarty.me

EDUCATION

Fall 2014 –
Spring 2019 **University of Nebraska – Lincoln**
Bachelor of Journalism
Minors: Informatics, Political Science, Math

EXPERIENCE

February 2022 –
Present **Reporter/Investigative Reporter**
KMTV 3 News Now Omaha

In February 2022, I took a new title at KMTV and began on-air work more frequently. I worked on in-depth, investigative, day-turn and other enterprise stories. In December 2022, I began nearly exclusively working day-turn stories.

July 2019 –
February 2022 **Investigative Producer**
KMTV 3 News Now Omaha

I vetted tips, developed ideas and worked with the investigative reporter to put in-depth stories to air. I filed public records requests and used data journalism tools. I assisted outside the investigative team when needed. The investigative team revealed a county assessor's nepotism in hiring, which prompted state legislation to be introduced.

August 2017 –
May 2019 **Legislature, Data, and General Reporting Fellow**
Omaha World-Herald

In my final two years of college, I worked 20-hour per week fellowships at Nebraska's largest newspaper. I gained experience covering government and policy while covering the Nebraska Legislature for my fourth fellowship. Before that, I had a variety of experiences, including breaking news, general assignments and data projects.

June 2018 –
August 2018 **Investigative Journalist**
USA Today

In a data journalism internship through the Dow Jones News Fund, I contributed to investigative projects. I submitted open records requests, connected with sources, and used data journalism tools. I discovered the lead example in a front-page investigation into police chiefs with serious misconduct records.

HONORS

- 2016 and 2017 Lester A. Walker Print Media Scholarship Recipient
- 2017 Lynn and Dana Roper Sports Writing Award – Second Place
- Dow Jones Fund data journalism alum

SKILLS

- Open records requests
- Data journalism tools
- Writing for television, print and web
- Source development
- News tip vetting
- Final Cut Pro
- Chart making for web with Flourish
- DocumentCloud