

ELI HOFF

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

University of Missouri Athletics Beat Writer

August 2023-present

- Write authoritative news, analysis and feature stories about Missouri athletics, the newspaper's No. 2 sports beat
- Break stories related to personnel hires and departures, athletics department finances and player signings/transfers
- Build varied source network within football and basketball programs, plus university administration
- Leverage public records and sourcing to report on closely guarded topics like NIL compensation for athletes
- File game coverage and breaking news within deadline constraints without sacrificing copy quality or accuracy
- Plan, book and host Mizzou-focused podcast with colleagues and other media figures
- Film and edit occasional short vertical explainer videos from games and events for newspaper social media
- Appear on local and national TV programs, like the Paul Finebaum Show, as expert on Mizzou sports

KTRS 550-AM

Mizzou Insider

January 2024-present

- Promote, articulate and explain newspaper reporting to a radio audience
- Analyze Missouri football and basketball, as well as and other college sports topics, for nightly radio shows
- Interview coaches, players and university officials on air and at live events

The Columbia Missourian

Assistant City Editor, Higher Education

January 2023-August 2023

- Wrote and edited copy and headlines for AP Style, search engine optimization (SEO) and clarity

Washington Correspondent

May 2022-August 2022

- Anchored one-reporter Washington, D.C. Bureau, covering impact of federal government on Missouri
- Secured and conducted news-making interviews with members of Missouri's congressional delegation

Higher Education Reporter

January 2022-May 2022, August 2022-December 2022

- Developed nationally regarded expertise in coverage of an ongoing fraternity hazing scandal

EDUCATION

University of Missouri School of Journalism – Columbia, Missouri

- Master of Arts in Journalism awarded December 2024

Research explored sports journalists' use of basketball analytics in stories through social-cognitive framework

- Bachelor of Journalism (Magna Cum Laude) awarded May 2023

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Top 10 Explanatory Reporting, Division B (2026) — Associated Press Sports Editors
- Finalist, 2025 Missouri Sportswriter of the Year — National Sports Media Association
- Story of the Year — 2023 Hearst Journalism Awards
- Best News or Feature Obituary — 2024 Missouri Press Association Better Newspaper Contest
- Best News Story — 2023 Missouri Press Association Better Newspaper Contest
- Best Story About Education — 2023 Missouri Press Association Better Newspaper Contest