

Maggie Girardi

Politically engaged journalism graduate with 3+ years of research and reporting experience. Skilled in drafting clear, compelling copy, tracking media and policy coverage, and managing fast-paced workflows. Experienced in synthesizing complex information and organizing data for broad audiences. Strong communicator with a deep interest in public service and policy impact.

EXPERIENCE

Newslaundry, Delhi, India — *Desk Intern*

May 2024 – August 2024

- Researched India's general election and weekly media trends
- Supported senior reporters with fact-checking and briefs
- Developed weekly research projects focused on media & politics

Columbia Missourian, Columbia, MO — *Government & Community Reporter*

August 2023 – May 2024

- Reported on city council, local policy, and civic events
- Pitched and published weekly news and feature stories
- Covered elections and engaged underrepresented voices

Caring for Columbia, Columbia, MO — *Outreach Committee Member*

August 2023 – May 2024

- Coordinated campus-wide service effort
- Identified and supported community partners
- Promoted outreach through peer engagement

Meals on Wheels, Des Moines, IA — *Communications Intern*

May 2023 – August 2023

- Crafted compelling outreach stories and graphics
- Conducted research for campaigns and messaging
- Supported community engagement initiatives

The Maneater, Columbia, MO — *Multimedia Reporter*

August 2022 – May 2023

- Covered campus news, student govt., and events
- Produced multimedia packages on deadline
- Collaborated on coverage

EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO — *Bachelor of Journalism & Minor in Sociology*

May 2025

GPA: 3.98

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SKILLS

Microsoft Office 365

Academic thinking & analysis

Data interpretation

Policy analysis

Interviewing

Adaptability

RELEVANT COURSES

Sociology of Immigration

Sociology of Race & Ethnicities

Fundamentals of Journalistic Writing

Breaking News

Journalism in a Democracy

Writing & Reporting (I & II)

HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

First intern at Newslaundry to publish a story behind a paywall

Missouri Press Association — First place, business reporting (2024)