

Natalie Drum

JOURNALIST

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EXPERIENCE

Capitol Hill Reporter

Fall 2021

Capital News Service DC bureau

- Conceptualized, researched and wrote enterprise stories in business, technology, politics and human-rights.
- Stories picked up on the wire by local papers including WTOP, The Baltimore Sun and the Capital Gazette.

Lead Investigative Reporter

Spring 2021

The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism

- Co-wrote and developed national investigation alongside two other colleagues.
- Story published in the Associated Press, Washington Post, Seattle Times and other major news outlets.
- Worked daily with data team to identify patterns, facts and examples worthy of further investigation.
- Filed 15 FOIA requests and communicated with FOIA officers and state officials daily.

Freelance Reporter

Fall, Spring and Summer 2019-2020

Maryland Matters, The Diamondback, The Campus Trainer, StreetCar Suburbs News, The COVID-19 Observer

- Published articles on topics including: mental-health, COVID-19, business and technology.
- Shot photos for stories.

Lead Fact Checker

Fall 2020, Spring 2021

The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism

- Fact-checked migrant workers story for “Essential and Exposed” investigation.
- Fact-checked stories for “Saltwater Invasion” investigation.

The Hawk Newspaper

Fall 2017-Spring 2020

Editor-at-Large

- Authored more than 40 publications.
- HawkFest story ranked top five most viewed in 2019.
- Increased readership by expanding web presence and developing networking sites.
- Positions also included News Editor, Assistant News Editor, Lifestyle Editor and Director of Social Media and Marketing.

Foreign Correspondent

Summer 2018

Media and Cultural Studies Journalism Study Tour

Johannesburg, South Africa

- Proposed, researched and produced three stories on economics, social justice and culture.
- Engaged in thought provoking discussions about current events with residents, local journalists and fixers.

Consultant and Social Media Analyst

Fall-Winter 2018

The Beautiful Social Research Collaborative

- Created a social media analysis & promotional video for Big Picture Philadelphia’s El Centro School Kensington, PA.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland

Philip Merrill College of Journalism

College Park, Md.

Degree: Master’s in multi-platform journalism with focuses on breaking news and investigative journalism.

GPA: 4.0

Expected Graduation Date: December 2021

Saint Joseph’s University

Philadelphia, PA

Degree: Bachelor of Arts, (double major with English and Communications and minor in Journalism)

Graduated: May 2020

GPA: 3.5 | Dean's List Honors

SKILLS

- Proficient in all Adobe and Microsoft Programs
- Working knowledge in RStudio and GitHub
- Competent shooting, editing and sharing photos using a DSLR camera
- Proficient in designing and building responsive web pages using HTML, CSS and common web frameworks
- Storytelling and copy-editing
- Media Law