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A Minneapolis-based journalist at the intersection of data analysis, reporting, coding and design.

Portfolio of award-winning journalism projects available at jeffhargarten.com

EXPERIENCE

Star Tribune, Data Journalist | Minneapolis | Jun 2014 — Present

- Data analysis and visualization for enterprise reporting on public safety, environment, suburban issues, elections and investigations
- Built internal infrastructure for mapping, charting, and code versioning for digital team
- Designed web elements and developed data visualization workflows

Minnesota Daily, Journalist | Minneapolis | Aug 2011 — May 2014

- Built Web Department and developed digital/social strategies
- Covered science and technology beat as Senior Staff Reporter
- Received three internal achievement awards

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota | Bachelor of Arts, Professional Journalism | 2014

- Minor in New Media Studies, Dean's List (2011, 2013)

Technical Certifications:

- Advanced R Certificate, Knight Center for Journalism (2022)
- Machine Learning Certificate, Stanford University Online (2018)
- A.S. Computer Science, North Hennepin Community College (2003)

CORE SKILLS

Data & Analysis: R, Python, SQL, Machine Learning, Statistics, Excel

Web Development: JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Svelte, Node.js, Git

Visualization: D3.js, QGIS, Mapbox, DataWrapper, Adobe Creative Suite

SELECTED AWARDS

2021: The Death of George Floyd coverage

- Pulitzer Prize (Breaking News), IRE Award, Scripps Howard Award, George Polk Award

2023: Best Use of Public Records - Minnesota SPJ Page One Award (First Place)

2023: Data Visualization - Minnesota SPJ Page One Award (First Place)

2022: Enterprise/In-Depth - Minnesota SPJ Page One Award (First Place)

2017: Police Reporting - National Headliner Award (First Place), Al Nakkula Award

INTERNSHIPS + FELLOWSHIPS

News21 Journalism Fellow | Phoenix | Jan 2013 — Aug 2013

- Eight-month investigative project on post-9/11 veteran issues involving 50-state records requests, database compilation, and data analysis

Star Tribune, Student Reporter | Minneapolis | Feb 2013 — May 2013

- Covered healthcare beat for University of Minnesota practicum class

MinnPost, Reporter Intern | Minneapolis | Jan 2013

- Investigated payday lending and developed data visualization projects

Arcadia Study Abroad | City University London | Jun 2012 — Aug 2012

- Studied socioeconomic impact of 2012 Olympic Games on British communities

Pioneer Press, Reporter Intern | St. Paul | Feb 2012 — May 2012

- Covered civil legal cases at Ramsey County District Court

University of Minnesota, Research Assistant | Minneapolis | Apr 2012 — Jan 2014

- Supported academic journalism research through interviews, transcriptions, and coding

Murphy News Service, General Assignment Reporter | Minneapolis | Oct 2011 — May 2012

- Reported feature articles for publications across Minnesota

LEADERSHIP + SERVICE

Chief Steward, Star Tribune Unit, The News Guild | Nov 2023 — Present

- Coordinate 20+ stewards, lead contract negotiations, maintain guild website

Guild Steward, Star Tribune Unit, The News Guild | Apr 2021 — Nov 2023

- Onboarded new union members, organized unit events, escalated member concerns

Project Mentor, Summer Lede Program | Columbia University | Jun 2021 — Aug 2021

- Weekly sessions mentoring data journalism students on statistical analysis, code, and storytelling

Journalism Mentor | University of Minnesota | Nov 2018 — May 2019

- Mentored university data journalism students on finishing projects and building portfolios

Conference Participant | NICAR, SRCCON | Mar 2015 — Present

- Frequent attendee and speaker at premier data journalism and technology conferences

PUBLICATIONS

- *Vanishing North* (book), Star Tribune, 2023
- *Police on Trial* (documentary), Frontline, 2022