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The Hechinger Report

Jan. 2024-present

Executive editor.

- Oversee a national team of editors, reporters, engagement staff and digital production at this national nonprofit newsroom, which covers early education, K-12 schools, colleges and universities and the workforce.
- Led the newsroom to win a host of [awards](#) in first year, shepherded [innovative journalism projects](#), reorganized newsroom operations to improve communication and efficiency, led newsletter redesign and grew readership

USA TODAY

Aug. 2022-Dec. 2023

Education enterprise editor.

- Oversee a team of national education reporters and coordinate coverage with dozens of education reporters at USA TODAY Network outlets across the country. Occasionally write articles.
- Conceived and executed [a project](#) documenting public schooling's post-Covid reality.
- Worked with reporters across the USA TODAY Network to capture life for members of [the class of 2023](#), whose entire schooling was affected by the pandemic.

Columbia University

Sep. 2021-Aug. 2022

[Spencer Education Journalism fellow](#).

- One of four fellows selected to spend the academic year researching, reporting and writing a magazine- to book-length piece on education. Work published in [POLITICO](#) and [The Nation](#).

POLITICO

Senior deputy editor

Jul. 2013-Sep. 2021

Oct. 2018-Sep. 2021: One of three senior editors who directed coverage of policy and politics news. Drove coverage on education, cannabis, sustainability; oversaw many product launches; worked on projects related to the 2020 election.

- Founding editor, [POLITICO Nightly](#): Coronavirus Special Edition, which became POLITICO's most widely circulated newsletter within days of its launch.

May 2016-Oct. 2018: Expansion editor for [POLITICO Europe](#) in Brussels; established coverage of nearly a dozen new policy areas; edited special reports; managed team of more than 50 editors and reporters.

- Work resulted in the company [earning half of its revenue](#) from subscription-based policy news.

Jan. 2014-May 2016: Deputy managing editor of policy; oversaw staff of more than 75 people working on POLITICO's rapidly growing subscription news coverage.

Jul. 2013-Jan. 2014: Founding editor, POLITICO Pro Education; established the publication's education policy reporting news service and [newsletter](#); wrote and edited articles on the topic for the broader POLITICO audience.

Education Week

Staff writer

Jan. 2011-Jul. 2013

Staff writer covering issues including special education, school discipline, student health and school nutrition.

- Published [a four-part series on school discipline](#) explaining alternatives to out-of-school suspension.
- Lead reporter on [the Sandy Hook school shooting](#) and [school safety](#).

The Miami Herald

Staff writer

Sep. 2006-Jan. 2011

Feb. 2009-Jan. 2011: Personal finance and consumer affairs reporter.

- Broke news about and led the publication's [extensive coverage of a scandal involving defective drywall](#) manufactured in China that was used widely in South Florida during the housing boom.

Sep. 2006-Feb. 2009: Broward, Miami-Dade education reporter.

- Documented one district's [failure to follow a federal law](#) requiring free tutoring for thousands of students; Enhanced print coverage with audio reports.

• Awards include 2007 Florida Press Club award, 2nd place, education writing; 2007 Florida Society of Professional Journalists award, 2nd place, education writing.

The Palm Beach Post

Staff writer

Aug. 2000-Aug. 2006

Covered Palm Beach County schools, Palm Beach County government and St. Lucie County schools; reported on major news events, including hurricanes and the Columbia shuttle disaster.

- Awards include [2005 Green Eyeshade Award, 3rd place, deadline reporting](#); 2006 Florida Society of Professional Journalists award, 1st place, education writing; 2002 education writing fellow, Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, University of Maryland.

The Ledger (Lakeland, Fla.)

Staff writer

Aug. 1999-Aug. 2000

Polk County education reporter.

- Wrote a series of stories about a pair of school district employees who became consultants, then secured a major contract to correct financing errors they made while working for the school system. Reporting led them to give up their consulting contract.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science, Journalism, Minor, Environmental Studies. Graduate with highest honors, University of Florida.
- Study abroad, University of Salamanca, Spain.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Report for America mentor 2021-present • Education Writers Association, 2020, 2021, 2024, 2025 awards judge • Online News Association, 2020 awards screener • Asian American Journalists Association, member, past member of the awards committee; VOICES mentor 2023 • South Asian Journalists Association, past member.