

# Zachary R. Newman

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## Experience

### 9NEWS (KUSA-TV)

February 2019 - Present

Investigative Data Producer, 9Wants to Know; Colorado

- My award-winning investigative data work led to [changes in laws and policies](#), [exposed an international human trafficking ring](#), [inspired the American Civil Liberties Union to sue Denver Police](#), and [prompted a Congressional inquiry](#).
- Employ R, SQL, Excel, Flourish, ArcGIS and Google Sheets to analyze data obtained through open records requests and visualize that analysis.
- Act as an off-air reporter to pursue long and short-term stories across digital and broadcast platforms independently and alongside other members of 9Wants to Know.
- Execute comprehensive undercover investigations, such as in Colorado gun stores.
- Winner of a 2022 Heartland Regional Emmy for reporting on nursing homes that were both paid and punished for doing both a good and bad job during the pandemic.
- Winner of national 2020 Edward R. Murrow Award for data work on “A Vivitrol ‘Success’ Story.”
- Teach data journalism to professionals and students through sessions hosted by Investigative Reporters and Editors, [The Colorado Sun](#) and the Colorado Broadcasters Association.

### MSNBC

February 2018 – February 2019

Anchor Producer and Digital Producer, MSNBC Live; New York

- Fact-checked statistics and produce various deep-dive segments to explain the nuances of the news cycle.
- Contributed research for MSNBC Legal Unit digital and broadcast pieces.
- Administered social newsgathering techniques to identify and clear compelling user-generated content. Pre-interview guests before going on-air.

### Sky Blossom

July 2018 – November 2020

Investigative Field Producer, Long-Form Documentary; Nationwide

- The documentary is streaming on Peacock, a NBCUniversal platform.
- Rough cut of the documentary aired in the Kennedy Center in November 2019.
- Handled logistics for two ongoing national documentaries with cross-country travel.
- Requested and managed Freedom of Information Act requests with numerous government entities.

### ABC News

September 2017 - January 2018

Investigative Fellow, Investigative Unit; New York

- Built complex data sets using FOIA requests. An investigation on ankle bracelets embraced these skills and aired on the newsmagazine program “20/20.”
- Employed editorial skills and knowledge of public documents to compile deep-dive and quick-turn research packets used on air.

### NBC News

January 2017 - April 2017

Intern, Andrea Mitchell and Foreign Affairs Unit; Washington D.C.

- Investigated technical aspects of world politics using advanced web search tools for “Nightly News” pieces on NBC and “Andrea Mitchell Reports” on MSNBC.

### CBS News

June 2016 - August 2016

Intern, Radio News; New York

- Winner of the CBS News Intern Project. Field produced a story chosen by senior executives to air nationally on CBSN.
- Helped produce “America Works,” a radio documentary that won a national 2016 Sigma Delta Chi Award.

### KOMU-TV

August 2013 - December 2016

Investigative and General Assignment Reporter; Missouri

- Utilized computer assisted reporting tools to assemble long-form investigations.
- One-man-band responsible for video capture, editing using Avid and writing web stories/television scripts.

## Education

### University of Missouri

- Bachelor of Journalism, Convergence Radio/TV emphasis (July 2017).
- Member of honor society Omicron Delta Kappa.

## Activities

### Boy Scouts of America

- Communications Merit Badge Instructor and Volunteer; April 2018 – January 2019
- Eagle Scout; March 2013

### Zaching Against Cancer Foundation

2013 – Present, Ambassador; Global

### ThirdKind Improv; May 2019 - Present, Improv Performer

- Member of a comedy team performing across Colorado.
- Regular charity and volunteer work as member, including improv marathon fundraisers for The Blue Bench.
- Latest home in nine years of doing improv comedy nationwide.

## Skills

I maintain proficiency in:

- R, SQL, Excel, Google Sheets and Tabula to clean and analyze data.
- Knowledge of state and national open records laws to obtain documents and data.
- Map creation and geocaching with ArcGIS and Google Maps.
- Data visualization with Flourish and Infogram.
- Research with Nexis and PACER.
- Editing with Edius, Adobe Premiere Pro, Avid, Adobe InDesign and web design.
- SEO, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Tweetdeck and DataMinr.
- Photography and videography using 360-degree cameras, DSLR's and iPhones.
- Certified in mental health first aid by the National Council for Behavioral Health.

## References

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