

Joshua Eaton

Investigative reporter

Experience

Investigative reporter, Hearst Connecticut Media Group | Aug. 2022 – present

- Series on public records failures in Bridgeport led to new city policies and update to state FOI law, won the 2023 Stephen A. Collins Memorial Award from the Connecticut Council of Freedom of Information
- Part of team reporting on State Police ticket writing scandal that has led to retirement of two top public safety officials, legislative hearing and multiple federal and state investigations
- Story on cuts to 211 housing hotline hours helped lead to new funding for service
- Won second place in government and investigative categories at 2022 SPJ Connecticut awards

Reporter (one-year contract), NBC News digital | Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2022

- Produced accountability-driven enterprise and investigative stories with nearly 1.7 million pageviews
- Filed over 80 FOIA requests on my beats and on breaking news, leading to several exclusive stories
- Led trainings and advised colleagues across newsroom on FOIA and other public records issues
- Stories cited in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Atlantic, NPR and others

Investigative reporter, Freelance | April 2020 – Aug. 2021

- Investigations, features and daily news published at NBC News, ProPublica, The Daily Beast, The New Republic, FiveThirtyEight, Yahoo News, Religion News Service, GBH News and others
- Stories cited in The Washington Post, Politico, Axios, The Guardian, The Trace and others

Investigative reporter, CQ Roll Call | Aug. 2019 – April 2020

- Wrote some of the most-read pieces on Roll Call website, in addition to newspaper and magazine stories
- Series on campaign contributions by federal judges was cited during Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Justice Amy Coney Barrett and led to disciplinary action against U.S. district judge
- Exclusive reporting on large gaps in the gun background check system led to new gun legislation
- Stories cited in The Wall Street Journal, Kaiser Health News, The Trace, the Chicago Tribune and others

Investigative reporter, ThinkProgress | April 2017 – Aug. 2019

- Wrote stories that led Congress to ask former Attorney General William Barr and former CIA Director Gina Haspel to clarify their congressional testimony due to apparent misstatements
- Exclusive stories on alleged sexual misconduct led to investigations at a shelter for migrant children in Kansas, a Buddhist group in Colorado and a Christian college in Massachusetts
- Stories cited in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Congressional Research Service and others

Reporter, Freelance | Sept. 2012 – April 2017

- Reported for The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Al Jazeera America, etc.

Skills

- Expert in producing accountability-driven stories through federal and state public records requests
- Experienced with Nexis, TLO, PACER, state court records, FEC data, property records and more
- Skilled at using data to find and report stories using Excel, Google Sheets and pivot tables

Education

Harvard University, M.Div. in religious studies

University of West Georgia, B.A. in psychology