

Joshua Eaton

Investigative reporter

Experience

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

- Series on public records failures in Bridgeport led to first major update to state FOI law in decades; won FOIA awards from Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information, Connecticut Foundation for Open Government and Connecticut SPJ; finalist for IRE and Scripps Howard awards
- Series on state police ticket writing scandal led to retirement of top public safety officials and federal and state investigations and won 2024 National Headliner Award

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