

# Sam Dunklau

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## Education

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University of Illinois Springfield, Springfield, IL

August 2018

Master of Arts

Major: Public Affairs Reporting

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

**Software Experience:** FileZilla, AudioVAULT, Avid ProTools

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

May 2017

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Multimedia Journalism Mass Communication

Minor: English Creative Writing

Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.0

Honors: Summa cum Laude, Presidential Scholar, Washington Media Fellow

**Software Experience:** Adobe Indesign, Photoshop, Audition; Final Cut Pro

## Experience

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Capitol Bureau Chief

August 2020–Present

WTF 89.5, Harrisburg, PA

- Prepared and delivered spot news packages for Pennsylvania NPR affiliates via PennRadio wire service
- Directed state political and policy coverage for the station's bureau in the Pennsylvania state capitol building
- Developed content for web, including photo slideshows & multimedia elements
- Arranged interviews with legislators, agencies, lobby/interest groups, field experts, and newsmakers
- Verified facts, dates, and statistics using multimedia reference sources

Statehouse & General Assignment Reporter

January 2018–June 2020

NPR Illinois 91.9 FM, Springfield, IL

- Prepared and delivered news packages for 20+ Illinois NPR affiliates via IPR wire service & local station
- Researched a story's background information to provide complete and accurate information.
- Established and maintained relationships with individuals who are credible sources of information
- Reported on specialized fields such as politics, consumer affairs, business, healthcare, and education
- Edited pieces on an as-needed basis for other reporters in the newsroom
- Developed content for web, including photo slideshows & multimedia elements

Reporter, WVIK 90.3 FM Quad Cities NPR

November 2015-May 2017

Rock Island, IL

- Prepared, wrote, and edited news stories for broadcast and web publishing
- Produced and read copy during on-air news broadcasts
- Verified facts, dates, and statistics using multimedia reference sources
- Arranged and conducted interviews with people who can provide information about a story
- Designed pages for publication using NPR Core Publisher
- **Awards:** 2016 IBNA General Reporting, 2nd Place for "**Prom-Goers Learn Not To Drink and Drive**"  
2017 IBNA Best Use of Actuality, 1st Place for "**Local Students Among Thousands at D.C. Women's March**"

## Involvement

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Reporter, Newsradio 1240 & 93.5 FM WTAX, Springfield, IL

February – June 2019

General Manager, WAUG.fm, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

April 2015– May 2017

Summer DJ & On-Air Talent, Studstill Media, Peru, IL

June 2015 – August 2017

Co-Advertising Manager, Augustana *Observer*, Augustana College Rock Island, IL

May 2015 - May 2017

Member, Augustana Choir & Chamber Choir

August 2014-May 2017

Analyst, Augustana Student Investment Fund

August 2013-December 2014

Volunteer Firefighter, Paw Paw, IL Fire Protection District

August 2009 – January 2015

Co-Founder of **Midnight Thirty**, Paw Paw, IL-based prog-rock band

March 2009 - Present