

# 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–April 2023

WTF 89.5, Harrisburg, PA

- Produced and delivered radio and web news packages for National Public Radio and Pennsylvania NPR affiliates.
- Self-produced feature-length audio pieces for local and national audiences.
- Directed state political and policy coverage for the station's bureau in the Pennsylvania state capitol building
- Arranged interviews with legislators, agencies, lobby/interest groups, field experts, and newsmakers
- Conducted and participated in two-way interviews on live radio and television shows

**Statehouse & General Assignment Reporter**

January 2018–June 2020

NPR Illinois 91.9 FM, Springfield, IL

- Produced and delivered news packages for National Public Radio and Illinois NPR affiliates.
- 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.
- Edited podcast audio as a freelancer for other newsrooms.
- Developed web content, including photo slideshows & multimedia elements.

**Reporter, WVIK 90.3 FM Quad Cities NPR**

November 2015–May 2017

Rock Island, IL

- Produced 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**”

## Other Audio Experience

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

February – June 2019

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

June 2015–August 2017

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

April 2015 – May 2017