

MARION RENAULT

Reporting Experience

Science Writer

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Columbus Dispatch, Science and Environment Reporter

2016 - 2018

Covered everything from pipeline spills to amateur astronomy, mussel die-offs and conservative conservationists. I worked to discover quirky local stories while also contextualizing national issues for Ohioans. In my time at the Dispatch, the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists twice named my work as the year's best environment reporting.

Chicago Tribune, Metro intern

Summer 2016

Contributed to the Tribune's metro coverage during a particularly violent and news-heavy summer. Also pursued enterprise pieces — including a story about Amish pyrotechnics, another on ostrich ranching and one about Chicago's history of failed ecopreneurship — so that by the end of the internship, most of my stories were self-originated instead of assigned by an editor.

The Minnesota Daily, Editor-in-Chief

Oct. 2012 – May 2016

Started as a neighborhoods intern before moving up through reporting and editing positions. When our editor-in-chief stepped down abruptly, I took over the job of leading our student-led paper's 90-person editorial department. In that role, I prioritized production of longform pieces and a transition to a digital-first mindset.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Metro intern

Summer 2015

Produced 143 briefs, news stories and obituaries on everything from urban lions on the loose to a countywide bus drivers' strike. I often staffed the breaking news desk's off-hour shifts and focused on refining my bread-and-butter reporting skills.

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Health and environment intern

Spring 2015

Spent 20 hours a week covering health topics, ranging from the state's shortage of agriculture educators to anti-abortion legislation and 3D-printed organs.

Minnesota Public Radio, Local news intern

Fall 2014

Pitched into regular coverage and followed my curiosity on higher education issues such as the availability of halal meals near campus and the underrepresentation of minority women in the hard sciences.

Education

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Sept. 2012- Dec. 2015

Summa Bachelor's in Journalism and Spanish

New York University

Sept. 2018- Dec. 2019

Science, Health and Environment Reporting Program

Robert Wood Johnson fellow, Scienceline Editor-in-chief

References available upon request