

Melissa Daniels

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Experience

Associated Press Phoenix

Temporary legislative relief reporter

March 2018 – September 2018

- Covered historic teacher strike, midterm elections, the death of Sen. John McCain
- Filed spot and enterprise stories, photos
- Work appeared on state, national wires and in national, international media outlets

Law360 Los Angeles

State and federal courts reporter

April 2016 – March 2018

- Covered civil litigation in state, federal courts
- Wrote two to four stories a day on deadline
- Mined public databases to track documents
- Broke Trump administration developments

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Pittsburgh, Pa.

Transportation and state government reporter

October 2013 – April 2016

- Delivered consistent front-page enterprise
- Covered 2014 gubernatorial election
- Launched state and local political blog
- Wrote award-winning WWI centennial project

Pennsylvania Independent Harrisburg, Pa.

Bureau chief, reporter

April 2012 – October 2013

- Broke stories on legislation, ethics, politics
- Filed four to seven stories a week
- Recorded and edited video and audio
- Managed brand presence on social media

WHEC-TV Rochester, N.Y.

Weekend assignment editor/associate producer

December 2011 – April 2012

- Coordinated weekend news coverage
- Managed social media
- Wrote and updated breaking news for web

The Daily Messenger Canandaigua, N.Y.

City Hall, local news reporter

July 2010 – December 2011

- Consistently produced top byline counts
- Broke stories on local laws, municipal trends

Reporting specialties

- Long-term beat coverage
- Interviewing politicians, officials, authorities
- Shooting basic video of live events
- Synthesizing complex topics on deadline
- Writing data-based trend stories using public information and contextual interviews
- Filing public records requests at local and federal levels to mine for story ideas
- Uncovering new angles on well-worn topics
- Live tweeting from breaking news events

Education

Syracuse University, Class of 2010

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

Bachelor of Science in newspaper journalism

Minors in political science, music history

Internships

- AOL.com
- Jazz Times

Freelance, features, and appearances

- Forbes
- Mxdwn.com
- Pennsylvania Cable Network
- Philly.com
- Democrat and Chronicle
- Mobiledia
- Learning Love Songs

Awards

- 2013 Online News Association Fellowship from Center for Public Interest Journalism at Temple University
- 2014 EPPY finalist in Best News or Event Feature on a Website for “The Great War and the Steel City”
- 2017 and 2018 ONA volunteer