

ELISE SCHMELZER

REPORTER / EDITOR / PROFESSIONAL VOICEMAIL LEAVER

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EXPERIENCE **CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE:** *Features editor / Fall 2016 - Present*

- Worked as the cops reporter for the first year, covering trials and daily crime while also writing multiple longform features on criminal justice issues
- As features editor, managed the weekly arts and entertainment section while reporting feature stories and writing investigative pieces
- Awarded Wyoming Young Journalist of the Year for 2017

THE WASHINGTON POST: *Local news intern / Summer 2016*

- Covered city and state politics in D.C., Maryland and Virginia, including stories on the Republican National Convention, gun laws and social services funding
- Worked weekend breaking news shifts, including one after the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida, where I helped run the Post's live update blog

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN: *Assistant city editor, reporter / Fall 2013 – Spring 2016*

- Directed breaking news, including the student protests about racial inequality on campus in Fall 2015, and edited daily and long-term stories for the city paper
- Covered law enforcement, crime, criminal courts, hospitals and mental health
- Won second place in Best News Story at the Missouri Press Association 2014 awards for story on lack of accessibility in city playgrounds

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS: *Breaking news intern / Summer 2015*

- Reported for the breaking news blogs focused on public safety, politics and courts
- Wrote multiple enterprise stories for A1 and Metro section covers
- Used social media to strategically promote my breaking news story about an unarmed teen killed by local police, prompting readers nationwide to spend a total of about 102,000 minutes on it within a few hours of its publication

USA TODAY: *Collegiate correspondent in Buenos Aires / Spring 2015*

- Wrote first-person essays and reported stories from Argentina's capital about unequal access to study abroad opportunities, Argentine culture and travel
- Shot and edited photos and videos to accompany my text pieces

COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE: *Business reporting intern / Summer 2014*

- Covered marijuana, tourism, earnings, entrepreneurship and downtown
 - Shot and edited photos and videos to accompany my text pieces
 - Wrote nine section centerpieces and a Sunday business cover, among other stories
 - Contributed a feature story to a three-day series on homelessness
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SKILLS

Advanced Spanish ♦ Multimedia editing in Photoshop, Audacity, Final Cut Pro
Using Excel and MySQL to search and understand large databases
Basic HTML5/CSS front end development ♦ Filing federal and state records requests
Shooting stills and video with DSLRs ♦ Social media and site analytics

EDUCATION **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI / MAGNA CUM LAUDE, MAY 2016**

Bachelor of Journalism: Investigative reporting

- Worked on teams to create best practice guides for reporters writing about racial inequality and domestic violence

Bachelor of Arts: Spanish

