

Kaitlyn Radde

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Pew Research Center

Washington, DC

Associate Information Graphics Designer

May 2023 – Present

- Create data visualizations, infographics, social media products and wireframes for projects across three research teams using a range of tools, including R, Adobe Illustrator, GitHub and Figma
- Negotiate competing priorities to execute and improve graphics requests, ensuring published charts are clear and engaging to improve audiences' understanding of our research without sacrificing accuracy
- Improve the Center's internal R graphics package (pewplots) with leaner and more customized functions, contributing advanced R code and design expertise to make the tool more useful and efficient
- Wrote a detailed user guide to encourage wider adoption of pewplots, outlining R basics and custom functions to serve both novice and expert R users
- Lead the pewplots version 2 beta testing process, fielding questions and feedback from users

National Public Radio

Washington, DC

NewsApps Intern

October 2022 – April 2023

- Visualize data in HTML, CSS and Javascript, supplementing stories with graphics and other interactives
- Analyze and vet data, substantially contributing to the accuracy and speed of the reporting process for stories covering everything from national security to elections
- Collaborate across NPR to meet diverse analysis and visualization needs, helping colleagues refine requests and pitches to ensure that reported facts and graphics are accurate and contextualized

Chalkbeat

Washington, DC

Data Reporting Intern

June 2022 – August 2022

- Analyzed and visualized education data in Datawrapper for both daily and in-depth stories
- Collaborated with reporters and editors to ensure that data analysis and visualizations were accurate and as useful to readers as possible, including both daily and in-depth stories

WFIU

Bloomington, IN

Inner States Producer

January 2022 – May 2022

- Produced original radio features, contributing compelling stories to Inner States, a weekly radio show
- Logged tape, identifying interesting and important moments

Indiana Daily Student

Bloomington, IN

Enterprise Desk Editor and Reporter

August 2020 – May 2022

- Analyzed data and conducted interviews to produce accessible, data-driven reporting
- Developed web buildouts to make stories more visually engaging and interactive, both alone and in collaboration with other reporters and the digital desk
- Oversaw and trained a team of five reporters through the reporting and fact-checking process by providing constructive feedback and guidance to produce high-quality reporting
- Edited investigative and longform stories to provide clear, in-depth coverage of complicated issues

USA TODAY

McLean, VA

Investigative Correspondent

June 2021 – August 2021

- Collected and analyzed data for projects across the investigative and data desks for academic credit
- Scraped data from websites and presented graphics to editors to share findings and get feedback
- Wrote an R Studio script to process NCAA financial data and power an interactive database
- Assisted with breaking news, records requests and fact-checking to expedite the reporting process for time-sensitive stories

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Location of Innovation Summer Research Lab

Bloomington, IN

Senior Research Assistant

June 2021 – August 2021

- Geocoded a large dataset to analyze the relationship between federal government grants and private sector innovation
- Delegated and explained tasks to junior researchers, allowing the project to progress more efficiently and helping less experienced researchers learn

Environmental Resilience Institute

Bloomington, IN

Research Assistant

April 2020 - August 2020

- Conducted data analysis and created useful graphics to illustrate findings, allowing for streamlined presentation and explanation of data to peers and community partners
- Interviewed local government officials across Indiana to help complete the Hoosier Readiness Index, collecting crucial data and helping communities understand and address their local climate change risk

EDUCATION

Indiana University

Bloomington, IN

Bachelor of Arts

May 2022

- GPA: 3.99/4.0 | Major: Political Science | Minors: Spanish, International Studies

Indiana Political Analysis Workshop: Concentration in the political science major to learn statistical analysis techniques, culminating in graduate level coursework and proficiency in data analysis using R Studio

Cox Research Scholar: Full-ride scholarship to conduct research alongside a faculty member for four years

HONORS AND AWARDS

- CMA Pinnacle Award: Best Editorial, 3rd place *October 2022*
- Betty Gage Holland Award *March 2022*
- Indiana Collegiate Press Association: Continuous Coverage of a Single Story, 1st place *May 2022*
- Indiana Society of Professional Journalists: Student Non-Deadline News, 1st place *May 2022*
- Indiana Collegiate Press Association: News Story, 1st place *May 2021 and 2022*
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Award: News Writing, 1st and 3rd place *January 2021*
- Associated Collegiate Press Best of Show Award: Social Justice Reporting, 1st place *October 2020*