

# MARION RENAULT

## Reporting Experience

### Journalist

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#### **Columbus Dispatch, Environment Reporter** *Oct. 2016 - Present*

As the Columbus Dispatch's environment reporter, I cover issues of water quality, pollution, and natural resources in central Ohio. In the short time I've been here, I've begun tracking the local impact of national climate politics, various land management issues and a mysterious mussel die-off affecting one of the region's most biodiverse streams.

#### **Chicago Tribune, Metro intern** *Summer 2016*

Between pitching in with the Tribune's metro coverage during a particularly violent and news-heavy summer, I pursued enterprise pieces. From Amish pyrotechnics to Lake Michigan's hidden biodiversity, this summer provided me practice for finding and fleshing out stories with color and surprising impact.

#### **The Minnesota Daily, Editor-in-Chief** *Oct. 2012 - May 2016*

I started at the Daily 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 digital-first mindset.

#### **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Metro intern** *Summer 2015*

Over my 12 weeks at the Journal Sentinel, I produced 143 briefs, news stories, features and obituaries on everything from lions on the loose to a countywide bus drivers' strike. I often staffed the breaking news desk's off-hour shifts and focused heavily on refining my bread-and-butter reporting skills.

#### **Minneapolis Star Tribune, Health and environment intern** *Spring 2015*

A practicum course offered by the University of Minnesota allowed me to spend 20 hours a week covering health topics from the state's shortage of agriculture educators, to anti-abortion legislation and 3D-printed organs.

#### **Minnesota Public Radio, Local news intern** *Fall 2014*

During this practicum position, I had no fixed beat and was assigned few stories. Instead, I followed my curiosity and explored how Muslim students find halal meals near campus and the underrepresentation of minority women studying hard sciences.

#### **Rochester Post-Bulletin, Editorial intern** *Summer 2013*

As the Rochester Post-Bulletin's only intern for the summer of 2013, I laid my reporting foundation by producing more than 60 stories over the course of 10 weeks.

#### **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities** *Grad. Dec. 2015* Summa Bachelor's in Journalism and Spanish

## Education

*References available upon request*