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EDUCATION

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Class of 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Second major in French

Minor in Political Science

IU School of Journalism Media Scholar

REFERENCES

THOMAS FRENCH

Professor of Practice,

Indiana University

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STUART WARNER

Editor, Phoenix New Times

(formerly Arizona Republic)

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EXPERIENCE

Reporter, The Arizona Republic/azcentral.com

June 2016 to Present

On the Storytelling desk, I write narratives, enterprise projects and profiles of interesting people, shrinking nationwide issues into the lives of people across Arizona.

I focus on housing, homelessness and the programs designed to solve them, though I've written frequently about education, sports, politics and Native American issues. So far I've collected datelines from three of Arizona's four corners. I'm still working on the fourth.

My work has pushed state officials to re-examine Arizona's eviction laws, provide more funding for affordable housing and sparked an effort to overhaul charter school oversight. It's also been recognized by national and state contests. In 2019, I received a George Polk Award for "The Charter Gamble," a series investigating Arizona's unregulated charter school system.

I also occasionally drop onto national news for the USA TODAY NETWORK. That work has taken me to South Texas after Hurricane Harvey and Las Vegas after the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

My work often leads our staff's metrics in engagement time and audience retention. Story ideas are self-developed and mostly self-assigned, and I often produce the accompanying photos and videos.

Associate Reporter, MLB.com

May to August 2015

Associate reporter covering the New York Yankees and New York Mets. I published 127 bylines in my three-month stint in New York.

AWARDS AND HONORS

GEORGE POLK AWARD

Education Reporting, 2019

ARIZONA NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION

Story of the Year, 2018

Best Feature Story, 2018 and 2017

BEST OF THE WEST

Third Place, Sports Features, 2017

HEARST JOURNALISM AWARDS

First Place, National Writing Championship, 2017

