

# STEPHEN DAW

PRINT & DIGITAL JOURNALIST

## EDUCATION

University of Missouri — Columbia, Missouri  
Bachelor's of Journalism:  
Print and Digital News Reporting  
Graduated May 2017

## EXPERIENCE

### Pride Intern

*Billboard* (February 2018 - Present)

- Contributed over 150 articles to *Billboard Pride*, the LGBTQ+ vertical of *Billboard* magazine, with dozens of my stories debuting in the website's top 10 most viewed articles.
- Helped more than double *Billboard Pride's* audience through my consistent content.

### Freelance Writer

*Various Publications* (June 2016 - January 2018)

- Pitched and wrote stories regularly for various online publications, including *Rolling Stone* & *Entertainment Tonight* regarding the entertainment industry, music, film and trends
- Wrote a range of assignment stories pitched by editors, from profiles to general news.

### Outreach Team

*Columbia Missourian* — Columbia, Missouri (Jan. 2017 - May 2017)

- Posted reporting and original content to the *Missourian's* social media accounts, including Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat
- Successfully worked with the local government beat on the "Open the Room" project to improve public awareness, pitch stories and make original content for social media
- Communicated directly with readership to improve reporting and bring more engagement to our website

### Community Reporter

*Columbia Missourian* — Columbia, Missouri (Aug. 2015 - Dec. 2015, Aug. 2016 - May 2017)

- Contributed long-form profile stories on interesting individuals within the community.
- Helped cover breaking news, including the protests at the University of Missouri.

### Copy Editor

*Columbia Missourian* — Columbia, Missouri (Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2016)

- Edited news stories for grammar, AP style and structure.
- Wrote headlines for print and digital versions of content.
- Created social media posts for edited stories.

### Online Intern

*Rolling Stone* — New York City, New York (May 2016 - August 2016)

- Offered editorial assistance through researching for long-form stories, transcribing interviews, running errands and other day-to-day office-related tasks.
- Received a promotion halfway through the internship to become a freelance contributor for the magazine's website.

### Online Intern

*Radio Times Magazine* — London, England (January 2016 — April 2016 )

- Provided over 75 stories on the entertainment industry to the magazine's website, which found success with both British and American audiences.

### Editorial Intern

*Inside Columbia Magazine* — Columbia, Missouri (June 2015 — August 2015)

- Wrote lifestyle stories about the Columbia, MO community, including stories about music, healthy living and small businesses.
- Collaborated with other interns on cover story package about students coming back to Columbia.

## SKILLS & ABILITIES

Adobe InDesign	News writing
Adobe Photoshop	News editing
Adobe Premiere	Interviewing
AP Style	Research
Audacity	Meeting deadlines
CMS	Social media
Creative writing	Teamwork
Google Drive	Transcribing
Microsoft Office	Wordpress

## HONORS & AWARDS

Missouri Press Association  
2017 Second Place — Best Military Story  
2016 Honorable Mention — Best  
Business Story

Missouri College Media Association  
2015 First Place in Editorial Writing,  
Newspaper Division I

Mark Twain Scholar  
Fall 2013 & 2014  
Spring 2014 & 2015

## VOLUNTEER WORK

### Urban Neighborhood Initiative

Detroit, MI — March 2015

- Worked in an after school program for kids as a part of an alternative spring break during my sophomore year of college.

### Christian Outreach to Appalachian People

Harlan, KY — June 2012

- Worked with a team of classmates on a service trip to build a house for an impoverished family during my junior year of high school.

Visit [stephendaw.com](http://stephendaw.com) for more information