

HANNAH MCCLELLAN

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ABOUT ME

As a journalist, I aspire to share important yet often overlooked voices and stories. I enjoy long-form journalism that explores relevant topics from unique lenses, and am especially drawn to education and religion reporting.

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
May 2020 • B.A. in journalism and global studies

- Overall GPA: 3.76, Dean's List (all semesters)
- Received highest honors for thesis on inclusivity in mainstream print media

Duke University Divinity School, December 2024 • Hybrid M.Div. program

EXPERIENCE

June 2020 - The Chatham News + Record - Chatham County, NC

Present Web editor, education and local government reporter

- Weekly coverage of school and government news/meetings as well as enterprise coverage, including: E.C. students adapting to remote learning, justice work by local Black churches and the school district's efforts to serve Hispanic students

September 2017 - June 2020 **The Daily Tar Heel** - Chapel Hill, NC

Senior writer and investigative reporter

- Wrote 50+ articles ranging from the implementation of beacon technology to track student-athlete attendance to William Rand Kenan Sr.'s role in the 1898 Wilmington Massacre

August 2018 **Freelance writer** - Chapel Hill, NC and Durham, NC

- **Present** • Freelancer for Durham Magazine and Chapel Hill Magazine writing stories ranging from real estate efforts to drive diversity in Downtown Durham to the pandemic's impact on Durham restaurants and efforts by restaurants to adapt

December 2019 - May 2020 **UNC Media Hub** - Chapel Hill, NC

Stemler Scholar

- Pitched, reported and wrote four long-form news stories during school semester, from partisan news sites in NC to a LGBTQ-affirming church's COVID-19 adaptations
- Work published in The News & Observer, The Herald Sun, WRAL, Chapelboro and more

May 2019 - Aug. 2019 **StarNews Media** - Wilmington, NC

Reporter

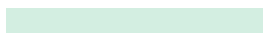
- Reported while working another full-time job: stories ranging from coverage of the traveling Vietnam Wall to a local man's 100th birthday
- Took pictures and videos for online content at music festivals, pier reopenings and local artisan markets

SKILLS & AWARDS

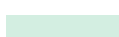
Adobe Suite



Excel



SEO skills



- Recipient of six 2020 N.C. Press Association individual awards: 1st and 3rd for education reporting, 1st and 3rd for elections/local government, 2nd for general, 2nd for lede writing
- Member of Education Writers Association's 2021 New to the Beat cohort
- Investigative Reporters & Editors member