

DESTINIEE JARAM

REPORTER

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OBJECTIVE

As a Black, queer, first-generation college graduate, I am passionate about covering historically misrepresented & ignored communities through high-quality, accurate reporting.

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Times-News: Gannett Burlington, N.C.
Trending Topics Reporter April 2022 - Present

- Sole reporter for Alamance Co. covering breaking news, features, business, education, local government & economy
- Led monthly & quarterly projects about the local labor market and local housing market
- Garnered more than 14,000 page views for breaking news coverage of a fatal car crash of three people, including a mother and her newborn child
- Amassed more than 100 new subscriptions & more than 62,000 page views through audience engagement, monitoring KPI's, optimization of SEO & timely news coverage
- Gained 17 followers through one article part of a popular weekly series about local upcoming news & events in Alamance Co.

The Courier Tribune: Gannett Asheboro, N.C.
Economics Reporter Jan. 2021 - April 2022

- Daily coverage of an economic beat; topics breaking news, features, business, education, local government, monthly & quarterly projects
- Acquired more than 5,000 page views from feature about a local, 130-year old, historical home in Asheboro that was restored and currently lived in by the Wang family, Randolph Co. locals
- Penned an obituary about Chris Hoover, a local community leader, fire fighter and best friend to many in Asheboro, that gained more than 1,000 page views

WOUB: PBS Athens, Ohio
Multimedia Journalist May 2019 - Dec. 2021

- Researched & wrote general news interest stories covering southeast Ohio & Parkersburg, W.V. for web, print & radio
- Reported on the Bellar Family, a federal criminal lawsuit against several family members for child & sexual abuse & criminal charges against a former Deputy
- Investigated 911 dispatch issues in a rural county discovered from a tip at a city council meeting

Southeast Ohio Magazine Athens, Ohio
Staff Writer Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020

- Collected interviews, photos, historical maps, letters, etc. & fact-checked for two years working on a feature about a town founded circa 1830 by a family of formerly enslaved African Americans

Department Editor & Design Team Member Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020

- Oversaw three writers to edit their articles, SEO, & headlines for "Talking Points," a section for shorter feature stories
 - Coordinated with design team to create graphics, magazine page layouts, & images
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EDUCATION, AWARDS & TRAININGS

Ohio University | E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Athens, Ohio
Bachelor of Science in Journalism, minor in African American Studies Dec. 2021

- Reporting Basics Training | USA Today | Gannett Oct. 2022
- Virtual conference of the Association of LGBT Journalists Oct. 20-26, 2020
- Virtual conference of the National Association of Black Journalists Aug. 5-9, 2020
- Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Asexual College Conference 2019-2017
- ProPublica Diversity Award 2020