

# MICHAEL KORSH

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## EDUCATION

**Northwestern University** **MS in Journalism** Chicago, IL | Washington, DC  
Medill School of Journalism, Media, Specialization: Medill Investigative Lab June 2022  
Integrated Marketing Communications

**Northwestern University** **BS in Journalism, Minor in Psychology** Evanston, IL  
Medill School of Journalism, Media, GPA: 4.00/4.00 June 2021  
Integrated Marketing Communications

*Honors: Medill Valedictorian Award, Summa Cum Laude, Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award, Kappa Tau Alpha*

**Relevant Coursework:** Medill Investigative Lab, Washington Reporting, News Reporting: Investigative, Enterprise Reporting with Data, Introduction to Investigative Journalism, Data Management and Information Processing, Media Presentation: Magazine Editing

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Medill Investigative Lab & Medill News Service** Washington, DC  
**Investigative Reporter & Business and Technology Reporter** January 2022 - present

- Co-authored investigation of registered agents for The Washington Post's Pandora Papers series, including database management, web scraping and API handling in Python
- Reported breaking and enterprise news stories on business, technology and politics for media partners such as MarketWatch and UPI

**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine** Remote  
**American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) Editorial Intern** June 2021 - September 2021

- Selected as one of 11 students for prestigious ASME internship program, speaker series and journalism training
- Reported seven stories for print magazine and website on personal finance topics
- Assisted with writing, copy-editing and organizational tasks for three monthly issue cycles

**Injustice Watch** Remote  
**Reporting Intern** March 2021 - June 2021

- Developed Python web scraper of jail population and COVID-19 case data from Cook County Sheriff's Office
- Conducted Cook County court system data analysis in R and built visualizations in Datawrapper
- Reported stories on outgoing Cook County Public Defender and the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act

**Medill Investigative Lab** Remote  
**Investigative Reporting Intern** June 2020 - December 2020

- Wrote four profiles of COVID-19 victims in nursing homes nationwide for The Washington Post special project
- Conducted research for Washington Post investigation of nursing homes' COVID-19 relief fund usage

**North by Northwestern** Evanston, IL | Remote  
**Print Managing Editor** March 2020 - December 2020

- Oversaw all aspects of the magazine production process, from hiring team of 30+ staffers and leading weekly meetings to fundraising printing costs, for two quarterly magazine cycles
- Adapted production workflow for 64-page print and digital magazine to remote work during COVID-19 pandemic
- Created eight-week developmental workshop program to introduce first-year students to magazine journalism

## AWARDS

**Winner, Best Student Magazine**, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards, Region 5 2021

**Winner, COVID-19 Coverage**, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards, Region 5 2021

**Best of Medill Award**, Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism 2021, 2020

**First Place, Single Issue of an Ongoing Magazine (Editorial)**, AEJMC Student Magazine Contest, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Magazine Division 2020

## SKILLS

**Data Analysis and Visualization:** Proficient in Python, SQL, R, Excel, Datawrapper, Flourish, QGIS, SPSS  
**Computer:** Proficient in HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, GitHub, Microsoft Office, Google Suite