

Nathaniel Lash

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER • GRAPHICS EDITOR • DATA ENGINEER

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Versatile, award-winning journalist and data viz expert who digs into complex questions that require a peculiar mix of software, analysis, and on-the-ground reporting.

EXPERIENCE

News Applications Developer

ProPublica | 2022 - Present

- Pitch and report out projects that require novel analysis and specially developed data pipelines.
- Acquire and analyze government databases, in addition to genomic sequences, atmospheric models, and satellite imagery.
- Engage readers with immersive visuals and interactive graphics that illustrate investigative findings and scientific concepts.
- Develop and support “news apps” that visualize and contextualize public databases for ProPublica’s users.

Graphics Reporter, Opinion

The New York Times | 2020 - 2022

- Created graphics and interactive data visualizations for pieces authored by me and/or others.
- Collaborated with guest essayists to communicate complex research as visually engaging stories for the Times’ mass audience.

Reporter, Investigations

Philadelphia Inquirer | 2018 - 2020

- Reported for the investigations team covering Philadelphia's opioid crisis and failures in child welfare.

Data Reporter

Tampa Bay Times | 2015 - 2018

- Reported, performed data analysis, and developed interactive graphics for award-winning investigative and enterprise projects.

SELECTED AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- First Place, Public Health (large) | **2025** | AHCJ Awards for Excellence in Health Care Journalism
- Finalist, National Reporting | **2025** | Livingston Awards
- Excellence in Innovation | **2023** | Scripps Howard Journalism Awards
- Bronze Medal | **2022** | Society of News Design Creative Competition
- Investigative Reporting | **2017** | Gerald Loeb Awards
- Winner, Local Reporting | **2015** | Livingston Awards
- Worth Bingham Prize for Investigative Journalism | **2015**
- IRE Medal | **2015** | Investigative Reporters and Editors

SOFTWARE AND CODE

Frontend: Svelte, D3.js

Backend: Python / Pandas / SciPy;
Ruby / Rails; SQL / Postgres

Design: Adobe Illustrator, Figma

GIS: Google Earth Engine, QGIS, GDAL

Bioinformatics: BEAST, Nextstrain, Biopython

EDUCATION

University of Illinois

Bachelor of Science,
News-Editorial Journalism | 2014