

Kelly Byer

Journalism Experience

- Reporter, The Repository** – Daily newspaper in Canton, Ohio (circ. mid-50,000s)
Oct. 2013 – Present I cover the city of Canton (pop. 72,000); previously covered crime and breaking news, Canton City Schools and Jackson Township
- City reporter, Casper Star-Tribune** – Daily, state-wide newspaper in Casper, Wyoming (circ. 25,000)
Nov. 2011 – Oct. 2013 Covered a community of nearly 60,000 people in central Wyoming, a controversial public smoking ban, major downtown development projects and the effects of an economy dependent on energy industries
- Night reporter, The Lima News** – Daily newspaper in Lima, Ohio (circ. 30,000)
May 2011 – Oct. 2011 Covered the city of Lima, surrounding counties and a
May 2010 – Aug. 2010 local contestant in a "So You Think You Can Dance" finale in Los Angeles
- Multimedia reporter, Dateline Shanghai** – International storytelling project at datelineshanghai.com
Spring 2011 Wrote about circumventing censorship, coordinated a series of vignettes and produced videos on local cuisine as one of 16 students chosen for Kent State's first international reporting course
- Managing editor, Daily Kent Stater** – Independent student newspaper in Kent, Ohio (circ. 10,000)
Fall 2007 – Spring 2011 Also served as associate and city editor, assistant news editor, public affairs reporter, enterprise reporter, columnist, safety reporter, features correspondent, proofreader and designer

Multimedia Experience

- Videos, photos and social media used to report and engage readers
- Familiar with iMovie, Final Cut Pro, Audacity, Photoshop and InDesign
- Knowledgeable in basic HTML and various CMS

Education

Aug. 2007 – May 2011	Kent State University Kent, Ohio	BA in News Journalism, cum laude Studied in Northern Ireland, Spring 2009
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Honors

- First for enterprise reporting, third for best news writer — Ohio Associated Press Media Editors 2016
- Second for best news writer, third for explanatory writing — Ohio Associated Press Media Editors 2015
- Reporting fellow — Solutions Journalism Network and John Jay College
- Second for in-depth reporting — Wyoming Press Association 2012
- Participant — 2010 Investigative Reporters and Editors' Campus Coverage Project