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EXPERIENCE

Community & Politics Reporter, *Green Bay Press-Gazette* **Green Bay, WI | July 2024-Present**

- Explained the actions of local governments, politicians, nonprofits, and neighbors to help residents understand their community with at least 15 stories a month
- Started a weekly column in September 2024 answering reader questions about Green Bay that's consistently popular on social media and reliably ranks in the top five stories of the month by page views with returning visitors
- Covered the 2024 presidential election, 2025 NFL Draft, 2025 Wisconsin Supreme Court election, 2026 midterms with breaking news stories, day stories, enterprise data analysis stories, feature stories, and live blogging
- Created maps and graphs from data, including city budgets, records requests, and election results

Awards: First place reporting on local government in 2024 from the Wisconsin NewsMedia Association and second place rookie reporter of the year; honorable mention in 2025 for column writing

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism **New York City, NY | May 2024**
M.S. in Journalism

- Wrote thesis on public housing tenants' struggle to keep their home from turning into the New York City Housing Authority's first privately managed, mixed-income housing development
- Compiled business data from New York City property records and New York State's corporation entity records into an original database for investigative feature highlighting why businesses have stayed vacant on Staten Island despite millions of dollars of investment
- Wrote enterprise and day stories on public housing privatization, news story on congestion pricing's impact on car-dependent musicians, and feature on Paris' first urban farm

Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service **Washington, D.C. | May 2023**
B.S. in International Relations, Asian Studies Certificate

- Wrote thesis using comparative case studies and interviews to argue that the best way to understand why social immobility shows up in both the American and Japanese public education systems is to think of public education as a game, not a great equalizer
- Produced, wrote, and edited a podcast episode for "Corporations and Empires" final project about why a colonial-era charter company still exists several hundred years later

Awards: "Joseph S. Sebes, S.J. Medal" 2023 recipient for best Asian Studies thesis

SKILLS

Investigative/Data: FOIA, archival research, PACER, CCAP, OpenRefine, Excel
Multimedia: Datawrapper, DSLR photography, TASCAM audio recording, social media vertical videos
Languages: Certified French fluency; beginner Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, and Fuzhou dialect

REFERENCES

Peter Frank | Green Bay Press-Gazette site & regional government editor | pfrank@usatodayco.com
Kevin Dittman | Green Bay Press-Gazette night and nondailies editor | kdittman@usatodayco.com
Taima Kern | Appleton Post-Crescent site & business editor | tkern@usatodayco.com