Jesse Lin

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EXPERIENCE

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

Write at least 15 watchdog, general assignment, or human-interest stories a month, plus videos and social media content, on local government, regional politics, and the broader community for a daily newspaper.

- Started a weekly column answering reader questions about Green Bay, consistently popular on social media and reliably ranks among the top monthly stories by page views
- Broke stories, including on a merger of two governments (plus a subsequent profile of a family caught in the middle), DOGE canceling several leases in Green Bay before backtracking, officials not disclosing data center talks to residents, and an anti-poverty nonprofit CEO getting a 1% bonus from all new money brought in

Awards: First place reporting on local government in 2024 from the Wisconsin NewsMedia Association and second place rookie 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

Reported on economic inequality with coursework in business journalism, narrative storytelling, investigative reporting, data journalism, and basic audio skills. Wrote master's project on public housing tenants' struggle to keep their homes from being turned into the New York City Housing Authority's first privately managed, mixed-income housing complex.

Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service **Washington, D.C. | May 2023**

B.S. in International Relations, Asian Studies certificate

Wrote certificate thesis arguing 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. Advocated for and wrote the first article to feature a non-academic for the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs.

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

SKILLS

Investigative/Data: FOIA and Wisconsin Open Records, archival research, PACER, CCAP, OpenRefine
Multimedia: Datawrapper, social media videos, DSLR photography, TASCAM audio recording
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