

journalism experience

THE BLADE // Crime Reporter

March 2011 to present, Toledo, Ohio

Have covered Toledo's rising tide of gang shootings, identified crime trends, recognized instances of generational crime, followed police administrative news and kept track of community member response to crime. Created databases for shootings, prisoners and homicide victims. Also prepared in-depth stories including a close look at one gang and its members, and a new crime-reduction initiative adopted from Cincinnati. Frequently assist colleagues in using social media for news reporting and gathering.

THE MORNING JOURNAL // Crime Reporter

June 2010 to March 2011, Lorain, Ohio

Nightside crime reporter, also covered three Lorain County governments. Learned how to connect with victims and suspects and the art of source development.

THE OREGONIAN // Intern

June 2009 to August 2009, Portland, Ore.

Features intern; produced stories for How We Live, Metro and Business sections. Stories included an in-depth look at the lives of struggling cherry farmers on the brink of losing everything and a top-down examination on how the economic recession impacted the state's largest industry: agriculture.

THE NEWS RECORD // Editor

September 2007 to June 2010, Cincinnati, Ohio

Managed 12 editors and 60 reporters/ photographers for the award-winning student news organization while still scooping beat reporters at The Cincinnati Enquirer, most notably on the resignation of former university President Nancy Zimpher.

LEE MAGAZINE // Columnist

April 2008 to present, Auburn, Ala.

Started as an intern writing fashion columns and long-form cover stories; currently producing six fashion columns per year for the free-circulation magazine.

education

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

2010, Bachelor of Arts

Major: Journalism // Minor: History

awards and honors

BEST BLOG // First place

2011, Associated Press Society of Ohio

Awarded first place in the 'best blog' category among Ohio's largest newspapers. A judge from The Washington Post remarked, "I LOVE THIS ... The story behind the story is even more compelling when it's local crime. The way Taylor mixes personal experience with humor and gravity is exactly what a blog like this needs."

HARRY FRANK GUGGENHEIN FELLOW

2012, John Jay College Crime in America Symposium

One of 15 journalists from across the country chosen to participate in a two-day symposium on crime and the criminal justice system in America.

extras

OVERALL OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM GRAD

2010, University of Cincinnati

Presented by the UC journalism department.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS

2006 to 2009, University of Cincinnati

President 2008-09, vice president 2007-08.

MARY LINN WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

2009, University of Cincinnati

Presented by the UC journalism department.

SCRIPPS HOWARD GRANT

2009, University of Cincinnati

Presented by the UC journalism department, Grant was used to fund 10-week Oregonian internship.

RESIDENT ADVISER

2008-09, University of Cincinnati

In charge of at least 70 first-year female students in a co-ed on-campus residence hall for 1.5 years.

skills

Proficient in AP style, InDesign, Final Cut Pro and use of digital cameras, video/audio recorders. Extensive use of social media to source and tell stories while maintaining an engaged audience across multiple platforms.