

Austin R. Ramsey

A trained and experienced multimedia journalist committed to a relevant and meaningful, people-driven, fact-finding mission.

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EXPERIENCE

Lexington Herald-Leader, Pikeville, Ky. — *Reporter*

NOV. 2025 – present

Cover Eastern Kentucky news for one of Kentucky's newspapers of record from an Appalachian bureau and lead environmental coverage across the commonwealth. Report on government, economic development, energy, environmental issues and the challenges facing rural communities, while connecting local stories to broader statewide trends and policy.

Bloomberg Industry Group, Arlington, Va. — *Reporter*

DEC. 2020 – NOV. 2025

Tracked the business, financial and regulatory forces shaping employee benefits, producing daily and enterprise reporting on companies, markets and policy at the U.S. Labor Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and Internal Revenue Service; developed a deep source network across government and industry.

Investigative Reporting Workshop, Washington, D.C. — *Fellow*

JULY 2019 – DEC. 2020

Reported and wrote data-driven investigative stories, managed social media and tracked federal immigration policy; embedded with The Washington Post's investigations team on major enterprise projects, including the Black Lives Matter movement, police accountability, Covid-19 and student health centers.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky. — *Reporter*

MAY 2016 – JULY 2019

Covered multiple beats, including city and county government, business and health policy in Owensboro, monitoring emerging issues and developments beyond the official agenda; founded and produced a weekly podcast and led newsroom investigations and enterprise projects.

McLean County News, Calhoun, Ky. — *Editor*

JUNE 2015 – MAY 2016

Managed newsroom and online publishing operations for a weekly newspaper, overseeing editing, reporting, photography, production and digital content while helping shape the paper's overall coverage.

Murray Ledger & Times, Murray, Ky. — *Reporter/Photographer*

OCT. 2013 – JUNE 2015

Developed daily general-news coverage for the community and produced several weekly newspaper sections; redesigned and expanded the newspaper's online edition to strengthen digital coverage and presentation.

SKILLS

Accurate, timely and objective news reporting, editing and writing (AP style); source development; state and federal open-records case management; business, financial and markets reporting; financial and economic policy analysis; company and industry research; HTML/CSS website design; audio/video editing; photography; videography; computer-assisted programming and data analysis (Excel, SQL, ArcGIS, and Python languages); environmental, geoscience and health journalism experience; local news.

AWARDS

Lexington Herald-Leader – 2026 Kentucky Communicator of the Year, awarded by the National Speech & Debate Association, Kentucky District.

Bloomberg News – 2024 Beltz Award for Editorial Excellence in Breaking News.

IRW – 2022 Yale School of the Environment third-place award for national environmental investigative reporting and environmental films.

Ledger & Times – Kentucky Press Association best overall awards in overall special section design and writing.

WKMS-FM – Kentucky Associated Press first-place award in feature writing.

The Murray State News – Kentucky Press Association and Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association awards in analytical and investigative reporting, general news, business news and agribusiness writing, plus photojournalism.

EDUCATION

American University, Washington, D.C. — *M.A. in Investigative Journalism*

JULY 2019 – DEC. 2020

Awarded graduate reporting fellowship and led investigations into water quality among disadvantaged, unincorporated communities in California's Central Valley and water access in Louisiana; served on the School of Communication dean search committee and as graduate student council president.

Murray State University, Murray, Ky. — *B.A. in Journalism*

AUG. 2010 – MAY 2015

Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in journalism and dual political science and photojournalism minors; editor-in-chief of The Murray State News; member of Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communications and National Collegiate Honors Society.

DISTINCTIONS

Delegate: Mid-America Press Institute Annual Conference ('12); University of Miami Annual Collegiate Journalism Workshop ('13); American Society of News Design ('11-'12); and Kentucky Health News Conference ('16).

Member: Investigative Reporters & Editors ('17-present), Society of Professional Journalists ('17-present), National Press Club ('20-'25); Society for Advancing Business Editing & Writing ('20-present); Association of Business Journalists ('20-present); and 21-'23 Goldschmidt Fellowship.