

# K. SOPHIE WILL

Dynamic storyteller using data analysis and specialized knowledge to craft impactful and accessible pieces.

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## EDUCATION

### Boston University

*Bachelor of Science in Journalism*

*Magna Cum Laude, 2020*

- Specialized in investigative data journalism with a minor in Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies.
- Graduated with a 3.7 GPA and received the college's highest honor, the Blue Chip Award.
- Completed six internships and was managing editor of the BU News Service.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Third place Best News Series from the Utah Press Association 2021
- International experience with Thomson Reuters Foundation
- History of measurable impact, from an FBI investigation to laws changed
- Experience making qualitative data quantitative from legal complaints to police reports and news clippings

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Bloomberg Law, Government, and Tax

*Investigative Data Reporter | Washington, D.C. | 2024-Present*

- Developed intricate datasets to keep Congress and the government accountable and published data for public use
- Collaborated with beat reporters to make connections to data and give more detailed context to maximize impact
- Used specialized legislative and legal experience to find exclusive stories and extensively fact-check
- Prompted and validated AI to find patterns in legal cases
- Designed static and interactive graphics
- Coordinated across teams to promote stories with social videos and liaised data from engineering and product to the newsroom

### CQ Roll Call

*Congressional Action Reporter | Washington, D.C. | 2022-2024*

- Speedily and thoroughly covered critical markups and floor action
- Broke down complicated legislation and amendments for readers
- Analyzed policy changes in-depth and reported on potential outlook
- Profiled members comprehensively, including fluff and accountability
- Scrutinized legislative procedure with diverse perspectives
- Crafted newsletters and breaking news alerts, stayed in tune with members and leaders to anticipate what's next

### Utah Investigative Journalism Project & Salt Lake Tribune

*Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellow | Salt Lake City, UT | 2023*

- Compiled and analyzed domestic violence case data to find trends
- Trauma-informed interviewing

### The Spectrum, USA Today, and Report for America

*Senior National Parks Reporter, Editor | St. George, UT | 2020-2022*

- Investigated the effects of overtourism, rural issues, government jurisdiction, climate change, and an unsolved indigenous murder
- Connected federal government inaction with local realities, resulting in tangible and credited impact and awards several times
- Broke news consistently, from fires to COVID and regular dailies
- Taught journalism at Dixie High School and Utah Tech University
- Edited digital stories and graphics as well as the paper and website products. Ran budget and coordinated coverage
- Conceptualized and crafted weekly column/newsletter Park Remarks
- Produced graphics, interactive media, video and photos

## MY TOOLKIT

- Coding: Extensive analysis in R, SQL, and Python
- Database building and detailed infrastructure documentation
- Web scraping and API use
- Leadership: project management, cross-newsroom collaboration, team building, intern mentorship, and meeting facilitation
- Deep legislative analysis, Congressional and legal knowledge
- AI prompting and validating
- Photography, videography, podcasting, and social media publicity
- Static and interactive graphic design
- Public records requests and governmental relationships
- Public speaking and media interviews
  - Investigative Reporters and Editors member and have spoken at multiple conferences since 2019