

David H. Montgomery

A journalist, coder, designer & cartographer passionate about explaining the world

Experience

Data reporter, *MPR News*, St. Paul, Minn. (2017)

- Analyzed, visualized and reported on data for huge survey project
- Created ggplot theme to instantly apply company style to charts

Political reporter, *Pioneer Press*, St. Paul, Minn. (2014-2017)

- Covered policy & politics with a focus on explaining the news instead of incremental developments
- Informed readers about complex transportation & health care policy debates
- Created maps, charts & interactive graphics to analyze & visualize news
- Used deep datasets to drive & expand regular reporting
- Analysis & visualization with R, SQL, Bash & JavaScript
- Championed digital-first journalism with active blog, interactive graphics & experimental storytelling

Political reporter, *Argus Leader*, Sioux Falls, S.D. (2012-2014)

- Led multimedia coverage of state & federal politics for largest newspaper in South Dakota
- Drove national understanding of high-profile U.S. Senate race with scoops & analysis
- Created popular political blog with reported stories, wonky analysis & graphics
- Appeared as expert on BBC, MSNBC, C-SPAN Radio, SDPB, Slate's "The Gist" and more

Political reporter, *Rapid City Journal*, Rapid City, S.D. (2010-2012)

Reporter, *Capital Journal*, Pierre, S.D. (2008-2010)

Awards

The Washington Post's best state-based political coverage:

Best political reporter (2013), political blogger (2013) & political tweeter (2011) in South Dakota

Second Place, Best News Series, 2013 South Dakota Newspaper Association (SDNA) Awards

Finalist, General News Reporting, 2014 Great Plains Journalism Awards

First Place, Best News Series, 2009 SDNA Awards

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Skills

Journalism

- Swift, clean writing in AP Style
- Mastery of politics, policy & government
- Adept with alternative story forms
- Data analysis through code & Excel
- Shooting & editing photo & video
- Distinctive & informative use of Twitter

Code

- Experienced R programmer for analysis, visualization & Shiny interactives
- Skilled at HTML & CSS
- Competent Python & MySQL
- Rudimentary JavaScript & Bash

Design

- Expert at Photoshop, Illustrator & InDesign
- Dataviz through R, Shiny, Tableau, Excel & Fusion Tables
- WordPress and Jekyll website management

Cartography

- Static and animated maps in QGIS
- Interactive maps in Leaflet, Carto, Mapbox & Fusion Tables
- Programmatic maps in R

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, May 2008

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