



# Jake Shore

## Investigative Journalist

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## Professional Experience

### Report for America

**The Current GA** – Public Safety Reporter  
Savannah, GA | June 2022 – Present

- Covering police, courts, fire, EMS and other aspects of public safety in Coastal Georgia as an investigative journalist.

Examples:

- Savannah mayoral candidate's [election violation](#)
- [Severe fire safety concerns](#) in a GA county
- Local sheriffs [increasing profits](#)
- A [controversial purchase](#) by Savannah Police
- A former officer's [missed use-of-force history](#).

### McClatchy

#### **The Island Packet/Beaufort Gazette**

Senior Writer – Bluffton, SC

March 2020 – May 2022

- Covered breaking news in Beaufort County, South Carolina with a focus on crime and courts.
  - Led coverage of a double homicide in the influential S.C. Murdaugh family. As a reporter for the local paper, I wrote dozens of stories (often picked up and featured in national media), and appeared on an HBO documentary to provide details on the case.

## Education

### Fordham University

Bronx, NY

- BA in Political Science and Journalism
- Graduated Spring 2018. Dean's List

### Loyola High School

Los Angeles, CA

## Reporting Skills

- Identifying accountability angles.
- Building a beat and establishing myself within communities.
- Using documents, interviews and data to tell compelling stories.
- Having dialogues with readers, potential sources about the work of journalism.

## Other Experience

- [Cheddar](#), Writer & Production Assistant,
  - New York | 2019–2020
  - Wrote for TV news shows on business, produced segments on social media and tech.
- [MSNBC](#), Production Assistant
  - New York | 2018–2019
  - Compiled graphics for air, fact-checked and participated in a breaking news environment.
- [The Fordham Ram](#), Staff Writer
  - Bronx, NY | 2016–2018
  - Wrote investigative stories at my university newspaper. Reported on famous former student, [Donald Trump](#).
- [WFUV News](#), Reporter
  - Bronx, NY | 2014–2018
  - Covered NYC news at the campus NPR-affiliate radio station. Responsible for weekly stories on City Council hearings, elections, housing, among other stories.

## References

### Margaret Coker

- Editor-in-chief of *The Current*
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- 917-582-6644

### George Bodarky

Editor, WNYC

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## Achievements

S.C. Press Association awards

- Six awards in 2021 (four first place) for an investigative project on drivers' license suspensions and coverage of the Murdaugh family.
- A first place award in 2020 for police accountability coverage.

### Brian Tolley

- Executive Editor, *The Island Packet*
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