



Dawn Sawyer

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The QR code is a direct link to my digital portfolio of published works and projects.

EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Summa Cum Laude

August 2020 - May 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communications

Minor in Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CNN:

Livestream Coordinator, Atlanta, GA

October 2025 – Present

- **Producing live news coverage** for breaking news, trial verdicts, weather emergencies, and political events
- **Strategizing alongside directors** on livestream planning and pitching CNN All Access live shows
- **Training** specialists, coordinators, and news associates on CNN's new digital-first strategy and workflow

News Associate, Atlanta, GA

October 2024 – October 2025

- **Published digital writes** for the national desk on breaking news, crime, weather and more
- **Contributed to live-story coverage** for the Laken Riley trial, Palisades Fire, Susan Smith and others
- **Coordinated** reporter requests for domestic and international shows

Southeast Bureau Reporting Intern, Atlanta, GA

June 2023 – August 2023

- **Published digital works** for the Digital platform and internal alerts on breaking news
- **Researched and logged** important trials, such as Florida vs. Scot R. Peterson
- **Pitched and elevated** a CNN investigation into the US Department of Labor

Newsroom Editorial Intern, Atlanta, GA

June 2022 – August 2022

- **Contributed to daily operations and scripts** written for CNN Anchor Victor Blackwell
- **Pitched daily stories and guests** for the 2 p.m. show with Victor Blackwell and Alisyn Camerota
- **Produced a package** on the 2022 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and the role of gun control in America

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: *Reporting Intern*, Atlanta, GA

June 2024 – October 2024

- **Published in-depth stories** on gentrification, business, and feature stories on the Black community in Atlanta
- **Reported on the live desk** for events such as the AJC Peachtree Road Race 2024

The Red & Black Newspaper: Athens, GA

Senior Enterprise Reporter

December 2023 – May 2024

- **Published in-depth pieces** on racial inequality within UGA Housing and Student Affairs
- **Trained and mentored** junior reporters with the enterprise beat

Digital News Editor

August 2023 – January 2023

- **Conducted a three-part investigative series** on the UGA Athletic Association
- **Edited and fact-checked** stories each day for publishing on the digital website

News Contributor

January 2021 – August 2022

- **Reported for the News Desk** on breaking news, reproductive rights, education, and race & equality
- **Conducted extensive interviews** for feature stories published on the digital website

Covering Poverty Project: *Reporter*, Athens, GA

August 2022 – May 2023

- **Covered food insecurity amongst college students** for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- **Produced multimedia stories** for the Oglethorpe Echo on poverty in Oglethorpe and Athens County

HONORS AND AWARDS

Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award – 2023 Finalist for In-depth Reporting (Large Division)

Juanita Cousins Traugher Scholarship – 2023 Inaugural winner for DEI Reporting

Ambassador for Grady College of Mass Communication & Journalism 2023-24