

Sarah Mattalian

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Chicago-based science and public health reporter exploring how trends in federal policy impact industries and communities. Passionate about investigating the intersection between climate change and the spread of misinformation and explaining environmental trends and issues in an engaging, understandable way to a wide range of audiences.

Education

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Chicago, GPA: 4.00 | August 2025

Master of Science in Journalism; Health, Environment, and Science Specialization, *Recognitions*: Trienens Institute Scholar; selected as a 2025 Post-Graduate Campus Consortium Reporting Fellow of the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting

American University, School of Communication, Washington, DC | May 2023

Bachelor of Journalism *Minors*: Spanish and Creative Writing

Language: Spanish, Certified in Translation May 2023 | *Honors*: Dean's List Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Journalism Experience

Staff Writer, **Endeavor Business Media**, Chicago | October 2025 – present

- Reported on trends in sectors including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data quality and machine automation for an audience of industry experts
- Wrote two stories per day for the Smart Industry and Automation World publications, contributed to longer projects such as features and podcasts
- Swiftly gained proficiency in competitive set analysis, branding, sponsorship opportunities, artificial intelligence tools, SparkToro and building an audience through social media

Reporting Fellow and Freelance Contributor, **Inside Climate News**, Chicago | January 2025 – present

- Reported on environmental and public health issues in Chicago and the Midwest region with a focus on pollution, climate change impacts and specific effects of federal actions. Contributed at least one 1,200-word story per week
- Wrote long-form reporting enterprise pieces of over 1500 words with five or more sources each as part of local investigations, worked with other reporters and editors on a collaborative electric vehicle reporting project and assisted with early research for projects on environmental justice in Chicago and data centers in the Midwest
- Established source connections with environmentalists, lawyers, public health experts and others in the midwest and Chicagoland area

Reporter, **Inside Washington Publishers**, Arlington, Va. | April 2023 – August 2024

- Covered environmental policy with a focus on plastics recycling, lithium batteries, recycling technology, and industry
- Independently tracked lawsuits, following multiple court cases that set precedents for environmental standards
- Established sources on Capitol Hill within environmental groups, law firms, and agencies such as EPA and OSHA

Congressional Correspondent, **The Durango Herald**, Washington, DC | January – April 2023

- Pitched and reported multiple stories weekly on Colorado's congressional delegation and issues facing Southwest Colorado, as well as major national political topics. Attended State of the Union Address.

Digital News Intern, **NBC4 Washington**, Washington, DC | September – December 2022

- Pitched, wrote and reported news features in a timely manner, assisted in coverage of breaking news and elections, sourced information and cut video for over five stories per week including articles in Spanish
- Gained in-depth knowledge of programs such as Wildmoka and Adobe, promoted content on Instagram and TikTok

Managing Editor of News, **The Eagle at American University**, Washington, DC | May – December 2022

- Edited articles daily and oversaw breaking news, spearheaded coverage of protests and student issues, supervised news team of five editors and 20 reporters

News Intern, **Fundación PorCausa**, Madrid, Spain | February – May 2022

- Worked with members of the investigative and journalistic team to write longform stories on migration in Spain that were published in Spanish. Conducted research and interviews primarily in Spanish for 15 hours per week

Professional Development and Skills

- Investigative Reporters and Editors: member since January 2025, attended IRE 2025 conference on behalf of Northwestern University
- NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ+ Journalists: member since June 2023, selected for mentee program January 2024
- The Chronicle of Higher Education: selected to attend The Chronicle's higher education reporting workshop on behalf of American University student journalism