

BENJAMIN MOOK

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- Award-winning reporter with 10+ years in enterprise, features and breaking news
- Knowledgeable about business, law, government, public agencies and nonprofit sector
- Strong interest in data-driven reporting and storytelling that captures relationships between nonprofit funding, public service and organizational missions

EXPERIENCE

Senior Writer/Editor, *Current*/American University, Takoma Park, MD, Sept. 2012~present:

- Cover business strategy and development for trade publication specializing in public media and nonprofit digital news
- Apply knowledge of financial reporting, government regulation, community groups and organizational strategy to improve coverage of nonprofit media
- Train staff in effective use of public records to enhance research

Senior Reporter, *The Daily Record*, Baltimore, MD, August 2005–Sept. 2012:

- Generated creative story ideas for sophisticated audience of business executives, law firm leaders, elected officials, and public and nonprofit agency managers
- Collaborated with colleagues to develop strong enterprise angles
- Drove breaking news coverage to report first in a competitive environment
- Developed expertise in law, finance, technology, nonprofits, health care, and small business
- Incorporated computer-assisted research and extensive sourcing in print and online content
- In addition to reporting, served as assistant business editor, web editor and focus section editor

Digital Media:

- Launched website redesign and platform shift, including troubleshooting and staff training
- Created and contributed to Facebook and Twitter accounts and news blogs
- Leveraged social media networks to generate ideas and develop sources
- Enhanced stories with data-driven reporting and creation of maps, charts and other graphics

News Editor/Reporter, *Maryland Coast Dispatch*, Ocean City, MD, 1999–2007:

- Successfully led newsroom while improving quality of regional news coverage
- Covered complex criminal/civil issues and conveyed them effectively to a general audience
- Effectively built relationships with high-level sources to support in-depth reporting

AWARDS

National Newspaper Association:

- 1st Place for Investigative Reporting, Breaking News, Business Feature and Health (2007~2011)
- 2nd Place for Business/Economic Reporting (2007)

Maryland, D.C., Delaware Press Association:

- 1st Place for Investigative Reporting, Business Reporting, Feature Profile, Medical/Science Reporting and Use of Interactive Media (2007~2011)
- 2nd Place for Business Reporting and Website Excellence (2007~2009)

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in psychology, Frostburg State University, MD