

# LAUREN MCGAUGHY

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## Experience

**Investigative Reporter** | The Dallas Morning News - Austin, Texas | 12/2019 - Current

- The sole member of the investigations team based in the state capital. Focused on state politics and policy, criminal justice and LGBTQ issues. Frequently tapped for appearances on state and national radio and television.
- Produced "The Memory Room," a two-part multimedia investigation on how Texas law enforcement hypnotize crime victims and witnesses in an effort to solve cases.

**State Politics Reporter** | The Dallas Morning News - Austin, TX | 02/2016 - 12/2019

- Produced award-winning coverage of state politics and policy, as well as national breaking news events around Central Texas. Focused on the state Legislature, state and federal courts and LGBTQ issues.
- Highlights included: Award winning coverage of 1) the Sutherland Springs church shooting, 2) the 15th anniversary of the Lawrence v. Texas ruling and 3) anti-transgender violence in Texas. Also broke the story of state agencies paying severance to laid off workers, which spurred lawmakers to change Texas law to ban the practice.
- Co-created two interactive websites to track breaking news during the Texas legislative session.

**State Politics Reporter** | The Houston Chronicle - Austin, TX | 04/2014 - 02/2016

- State politics and policy reporter focused on education, social issues and gun policy.
- Highlights included: Extensive coverage of the investigation and indictment of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and writing about the 1972 union Texas' first same-sex couple to get a marriage certificate.

**State Politics Reporter** | The New Orleans Times-Picayune - Baton Rouge, LA | 10/2012 - 04/2014

- One-person state Capitol bureau covering the Louisiana Legislature, state agencies, courts and public utilities.
- Helped produce award-winning series "Louisiana Purchased," which tracked how politicians skirted campaign finance laws to benefit from elected office. It resulted in tighter conflict of interest and financial reporting rules.
- Produced weekly politics videos during annual legislative sessions.

**National Politics and Elections Reporter** | RTTNews - Washington, DC | 04/2012 - 10/2012

- Lead politics reporter for new wire service. Covered Democratic convention and 2012 election.

**Foreign Affairs Reporter** | The Asahi Shimbun - Washington, DC | 06/2009 - 10/2012

- Lead foreign affairs reporter for the world's second largest newspaper. Covered U.S. Department of State and Congress with a focus on U.S.-Sino relations and North Korea policy. Attended three UN General Assemblies.

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## Awards

- The Association of LGBTQ Journalists (NLGJA) Excellence in Legal Coverage Award - Lawrence v. Texas (2019)
- NLGJA Excellence in Newswriting Award - LGBTQ Conservatives at the Republican National Convention (2017)
- Journalism & Women Symposium Betsy Wade Legacy Fund Fellow - Transgender Texans (2017)
- Texas APME Award for Deadline Writing - Sutherland Springs Shooting (2017)
- Investigative Reporters & Editors Award - "Louisiana Purchased" campaign finance investigation (2014)
- Peabody Award - "Louisiana Purchased" campaign finance investigation (2013)
- Regional Edward R. Murrow Award - "Louisiana Purchased" campaign finance investigation (2013)
- Louisiana APME Award for Spot News Photography - Photograph of Mother's Day Second Line Shooting (2013)

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## Skills

- LANGUAGES: Spanish and Mandarin Chinese
- SKILLED: DocumentCloud, Excel, Social Media
- DABBLING: Podcasting
- PROFICIENT: Radio, Video and Event Appearances