# Joe Augustine

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# **Experience**

# Investigative Producer, KSTP, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

2017 - Present

- Research, write and edit stories for investigative unit
- Produced four-part series on National Hockey League's response to fighting/concussion issues
- Broke story on sexual harassment investigation at University that led to new legislative audit/bill

## Reporter, KSTP, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

2014 - 2016

- Storyteller responsible for developing sources and researching data related to government accountability
- Investigative stories:
  - o Identified conflicts of interest in school district's \$97-million bond referendum
  - o Exposed lobbyists' influence on environmental oversight of oil pipelines

#### Investigative Border Reporter/Anchor, KRGV, Rio Grande Valley of Texas

2011 - 2014

- Reported on border issues including homeland security, human smuggling cartel violence and political corruption
- Investigative stories:
  - Exposed mistakes in South Texas VA medical system
  - o Uncovered flaws in prosecution of juvenile smugglers
  - Identified non-compliance with international treaty designed to locate kidnapping victims in Mexico
  - Conducted community outreach through public appearances

#### General Assignment Reporter/Photographer/Editor, WOI, Des Moines, IA

2009 - 2011

- Investigative storyteller skilled in communicating on live television or in front of live audiences
- Ability to use social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter to solicit and promote stories
- Experienced video editor with Edius, Adobe Premier and FinalCutPro editing software
- Excellent writing skills for broadcast and Associated Press style stories

#### **Education**

#### University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2009

Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication

- Executive Producer/Anchor/Reporter at Daily Iowan-TV (2006-2009)
- Intern at KCRG-TV-Cedar Rapids, IA (2007) and WISN-TV-Milwaukee, WI (2007-2008)

## Volunteer

- **Bridge for Youth** (Minneapolis, MN), 2015
  - Worked with program developers to spread awareness and pitch homeless youth initiatives to media
- **Donna Boys Basketball** (Donna, TX) 2013-2014
  - Middle School Basketball coach who emphasized responsibility learning and teamwork over winning

#### **Awards**

- State Bar of Texas Gavel Award (2014) for highlighting delays in immigration courts
- Best Reporter (3rd Division) by the Texas Associated Press of Broadcasters (2013)
- Hidalgo County Bar Association Media Award (2012) for covering legal issues involving indigent people (2012)
- Named Best General News Reporter by Iowa Broadcast News Association (2010)
- Named best writer in college division by Iowa Broadcast News Association (2008)