

Clay Duda

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reporter (2015-Present)

The Mercury – Knoxville, Tenn.

- Longform, investigative news reporting.
- Editorial, concert and event photography.
- Tennessee Open Records Act, FOIA, and interactive data visualization.
- Digital strategy and web development.
- 1st Place, Feature Writing, 2015 SPJ Golden Press Card Award.

Multimedia Reporter (2013-2015)

Record Searchlight – Redding, Calif.

- County government beat, breaking news and general assignment reporting.
- Photography, online video and interactive database production.
- Proficient in state and federal open records laws, ongoing enterprise work.
- Investigative series on water loss led to systemic reforms.
- Best of Scripps awards for watchdog reporting and social media work.

Associate Editor of Digital (2012-2013)

Creative Loafing – Atlanta, Ga.

- Digital advocacy, online production and social media strategy.
- General assignment news, arts and music reporting.
- Editorial, concert and event photography.

Multimedia Reporter (2010-2012)

Center for Sustainable Journalism/JJIE.org – Kennesaw, Ga.

- National and regional news/feature coverage of youth-related issues.
- Photography, video and interactive graphics production.
- Digital and social media strategy.
- 2012 John Jay/TOW Juvenile Justice Reporting Fellow.

Contributing Writer (2010) *Atlanta Unfiltered – Atlanta, Ga.*

Campus Editor (2007-2008) *The Collegian at Georgia Perimeter College – Dunwoody, Ga.*

Music Intern (2007) *Creative Loafing – Atlanta, Ga.*

AWARDS

- **1st place** in Feature Writing, 2015, Golden Press Card, Society of Professional Journalists
- **2nd place** in General Reporting, 2015, Golden Press Card, SPJ
- **2nd place** in Local Government Reporting, 2014, Calif. Newspapers Publishers Association
- **3rd place** in Best Food Multimedia Presentation, 2014, Association of Food Journalists
- **Best of Scripps** Award: Watchdog Reporting, 2014, Redding Record Searchlight
- **Best of Scripps** Award: Social Media, 2013, Redding Record Searchlight
- **1st place** in Research Excellence, 2010, Journalism History Society
- **1st place** Lamp Lighter Award for Journalism Excellence, 2007, Georgia Perimeter College

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts – Journalism (photography minor)

Georgia State University, 2010

- Magna Cum Laude graduate.
- Research Excellence Award, Journalism History Society.

Associate of Arts – Professional Writing

Georgia Perimeter College, 2008

- Editor and enterprise reporter with student newspaper, the Collegian.
- Investigative series earned Lamp Lighter Award for Journalism Excellence.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- FOIA and state-specific public records laws (Federal, Ga., Tenn., Calif.)
- Non-linear video editing (Final Cut Pro, MAGIX)
- Online interactives (Timeline JS, Tableau, DocumentCloud, Tout, etc.)
- Web production (HTML, CSS, FTP, Wordpress, Saxotech, Foundation)
- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Lightroom, etc.)
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)