

# Abby Wargo

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## EDUCATION

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee** – *English M.A.*

August 2024 - present

**Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland** – *English B.A.*

August 2016 - May 2020

- minors in creative writing and journalism, editing & publishing
- GPA: 3.77 (on a 4-point scale)
- magna cum laude

## AWARDS & HONORS

- received departmental honors on my senior undergraduate thesis, "The 'Dreamlike Downward Career of a Girl': Compounding Trauma in Jean Rhys's *Voyage in the Dark*"
- member of Sigma Tau Delta English honors society
- member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society
- 2020 Maureen Jacoby Award winner, for dedication to student publications at Washington College & strong potential for a future in the field of editing and publishing
- 2020 Middendorf Scholarship winner, for Washington College students exhibiting strong leadership
- Sophie Kerr Prize finalist, awarded to the graduating senior at Washington College with the most promise for literary success

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Undergraduate thesis analyzing compounding trauma in *Voyage in the Dark* was published in Washington College's student academic journal *The Washington College Review* in 2020.
- Undergraduate thesis was accepted for presentation at Johns Hopkins University's Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium in 2020, which had to be canceled due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Law360, New York, New York** – *general assignment reporter*

October 2021 - present

- Analyze & simplify court documents, contact and interview attorneys, companies and unions to write daily stories for the Wage and Hour, Discrimination and Benefits sections of Law360's Employment Authority newsletter.
- Pitch stories as needed, which requires keeping in touch with sources, staying abreast of legal and regulatory updates and tracking notable cases.

### **Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota** – *education & health reporter*

February - September 2021

- Pitched, reported, wrote and occasionally took photos for daily stories about Rapid City Area Schools, South Dakota colleges, COVID-19, marijuana legalization & the 2021 SD Legislative Session. As needed, wrote and reported on hot-button topics such as uranium mining or Indigenous equity issues.
- Researched and reported on long-form trend or investigative pieces.

### **Capital Journal, Pierre, South Dakota** – *general assignment reporter*

September 2020 - February 2021

- Pitched, reported, wrote,, and took photographs for stories about the Pierre school district, health (ex. COVID-19 pandemic and SD marijuana legalization), South Dakota Legislative Session 2021 & Gov. Kristi Noem, social programs like Feeding SD, court cases, and city government.

### **The Elm student newspaper, Washington College** – *editor in chief*

May 2018 - May 2020

- Managed all operations for publishing the student newspaper, which ran around 27 issues per school year.
- Led editorial meetings and oversaw all staff management to establish a consistent voice for the paper.
- Promoted our mission statement of speaking truth to power by acting as a liaison between college administration and students.
- Contributed reporting, writing, and photographs as needed.

## SKILLS

- Intermediate level Spanish reading comprehension
- Internet and archival research
- Adobe, Microsoft & Google Suites
- Content management system BLOX and Newsroom, Law360's CMS

- PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) and other online court records navigation
- Online publishing platforms like Substack, Wordpress, and Squarespace
- Photojournalism
- Copy editing
- Networking
- Leadership
- Staff hiring, training & management