

# JENNA CARLESSO

REPORTER

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## EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
Interactive Media  
Quinnipiac University  
2010 – 2012

BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Journalism  
Grand Valley State University  
2003– 2007

## SKILLS

Excel  
Final Cut Pro  
Tableau  
HTML & CSS  
Photoshop  
Adobe Illustrator

## EXPERIENCE

### HEALTH CARE REPORTER

The CT Mirror/Feb. 2019-Present

- In-depth reporting on hospitals, prison health care, nursing homes, disparities and health policy. Covering the impact of coronavirus on Connecticut's people, especially communities of color and nursing homes, where 64% of the state's deaths have occurred.
- Authored stories that triggered changes in state policy on nursing homes and COVID-19 reporting, and that have erased hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical debt.

### HARTFORD CITY HALL REPORTER

The Hartford Courant/Oct. 2009-Feb. 2019

- Covered politics and policy in Hartford, with a focus on waste in government. Co-authored two investigations on corruption in city deals that spurred federal indictments.

### CRIME, COURTS REPORTER

The Journal News/Oct. 2008-Oct. 2009, The Journal Inquirer/Sept. 2007-Oct. 2008

- In both jobs, covered a mix of courts, crime and breaking news. Wrote about everything from a lack of diversity on the bench in Connecticut's courts to the arrest of Bernie Madoff's accountant in Rockland County, N.Y.

## AWARDS

### FIRST PLACE, GOVERNMENT REPORTING & LOCAL REPORTING

Society of Professional Journalists, Connecticut/May 2018

- First place honors in two categories for an analysis of years of lavish payouts to Hartford employees for unused sick and vacation time.

### FIRST PLACE, GOVERNMENT REPORTING & CONTINUING COVERAGE

Society of Professional Journalists, Connecticut/May 2017

- First place honors for a profile of Hartford's mayor, and for a series of stories examining the use of excessive force by a city police sergeant. The sergeant was subsequently arrested.

### FIRST PLACE, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING & PUBLIC OCCURRENCES AWARD

New England Newspaper & Press Association, Massachusetts/Feb. 2017 & May 2016

- Two regional awards recognizing an investigation into the theft of public funds in a major soccer stadium project. The series led to federal indictments and convictions.

### THEODORE DRISCOLL AWARD & STEPHEN A. COLLINS AWARD

Society of Professional Journalists, Connecticut/May 2016

- Two special awards honoring top investigative coverage and public service journalism, for the soccer stadium investigation.

### FINALIST, PULITZER PRIZE FOR BREAKING NEWS REPORTING

Pulitzer Prize Board/April 2013

- The Courant staff received recognition for "complete and sensitive coverage of the shooting massacre at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn."