**Danny Spewak**

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**JOURNALISM WGRZ-TV (NBC affiliate, Western New York)** Buffalo, N.Y. June 2013 – present

*Reporter/Multimedia Journalist*

* Writes, shoots and edits stories as a nightside reporter and multimedia journalist
* Reports live during breaking news and when necessary for enterprise assignments
* Immerses in a variety of long-term projects, including investigative reporting
* Investigated police records and obtained information in 2014 that showed Buffalo Police frequently used deadly force against animals during raids; the eight-minute TV story on Channel 2 and 2,200-word web story on WGRZ.com quickly prompted department-wide training for aggressive animals
* Completed an extensive investigation into the murder conviction of Cory Epps, shining a light on shaky eyewitness testimony and police procedures; Epps was exonerated in 2017 when a new witness came forward with information showing he was innocent
* Interviewed presidential candidate Donald Trump at a campaign event in Rochester in April 2016; was the only journalist in the Buffalo market to do so
* Assisted local coverage of natural disasters for sister stations in South Carolina and Florida, including live reports from Sarasota as Hurricane Irma made landfall
* Writes extensive long-form web stories for in-depth investigations and stories, in addition to writing daily web stories for routine assignments
* Featured in USA Today for a story about Red House, the smallest town in New York
* Filled in as an anchor both on Channel 2 and on our secondary affiliate, FOX 29

 **KOMU-8 TV (NBC affiliate, mid-Missouri)**,Col­­umbia, Mo. February 2010 – May 2013

 *Reporter/Anchor*

* Wrote, shot, and edited stories for evening newscasts, often reporting live from the field
* Investigated a fatal officer-involved shooting in May 2013, revealing through public records the amount of shots fired by officers and circumstances surrounding the incident
* Spent nearly a year studying thousands of pages of police records and trial transcripts for a series on Steven Rios, the Columbia Police Officer convicted of murder
* Covered highly-publicized hearings involving Ryan Ferguson, who was ultimately exonerated of murder
* Anchored afternoon and nightly newscasts on a regular basis
* Produced weekend shows-- wrote newscasts, directed reporters and stacked shows
* Operated the live truck for the morning show during the winter of 2010

**KBIA 91.3 FM (NPR affiliate)**, Columbia, Mo. May 2011-June 2011

 *Reporter*

* Called sources and produced radio wraps in span of just a few hours for deadline

**PRINT/DIGITAL PowerMizzou.com/Rivals.com** Columbia, Mo. May 2012 – May 2013

 *Reporter*

* Franchised a popular and exclusive “Where Are They Now” series on former athletes
* Won a Mark of Excellence award for feature about infant daughter of MU alums who needed a heart transplant

**EDUCATION University of Missouri,** Columbia, MO Graduation: May 2013

Dual degree: *B.J.* Radio and Television emphasis, *B.A.* Political Science