

Shane LaGessee

Journalist and developer specializing in data visualization and news applications. See more at shanelagesse.com.

WORK EXPERIENCE

[Rapporteur](#) | Brussels, Belgium | May 2025-Aug. 2025

Reporter/Developer Intern. Reported on EU Commission and Brussels. Produced front-page graphics and in-story data visualizations. Programmed web scrapers & Slack alerts, automated social media posting.

[Missourian Newspaper](#) | Columbia, MO | Aug. 2022-May. 2026

Developer. Created Python tools to automate election data gathering. Developed a modular version for reporters to create web scrapers. Reporter, State beat + General Assignment. Covered the Missouri State Senate race and other election topics, as well as regular G.A. shifts.

[U.S. News & World Report](#) | Washington, D.C. | May 2023-Aug. 2023

Education Reporting Intern. Reported and wrote articles on higher education with advice for prospective and current students.

[LavidaCo Communications](#) | Washington, DC | 2020-present

Designer, developer. Automated data pipelines with Python. Created websites, data visualizations and interactive tools for newsrooms and individuals.

[Maneater Student Newspaper](#) | Columbia, MO | Aug. 2022-May 2024

Digital Production Editor/News Reporter. Redesigned the Maneater website, set up digital advertising as a revenue stream, and created an interactive landing page for the magazine. Covered local/campus news.

[Agenda Watch](#) | BigLocalNews, Stanford University | Summer 2023

With Reynolds Journalism Institute, gathered metadata.

PROJECTS

[Who Owns the Flavor?](#) | 2026

Developed custom CMS and frontend hosting interactive news content for a long-form culinary investigative project. HTML, CSS, JavaScript with Node.js.

[Rappahannock Floodplain Map](#) | 2025

Virginia Press Assoc. Best in Show, non-daily graphic. Created an interactive map of the floodplain in Rappahannock county, searchable by address. HTML, CSS, JavaScript with Node.js, Leaflet.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri – Columbia | Honors College | 2026

Bachelor of Journalism; Computer Science, IT and Japanese minors
Certificate in Web and Mobile Applications Development

Université Libre de Bruxelles – Brussels, Belgium | Work/study summer 2025

Sophia University – Tokyo, Japan | Study abroad spring/summer 2024

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SKILLS

Full-stack web development
Graphic design
Data visualization
Data-driven reporting
Writing and editing
Team management

TECHNOLOGIES

HTML/CSS
Angular & React
JavaScript & Node.js
R
SQL
Python
Adobe Photoshop, Indesign

LANGUAGES

Intermediate French
Conversational Japanese

HONORS & AWARDS

2025

- Virginia Press Assoc. Best in Show, non-daily graphic

2023

- Fourth Place, overall, among 100+ teams in TigerHacks coding contest

2022

- First Place, TigerHacks, beginner division
- Walter Williams Scholar, M.U. Journalism School
- Missouri Boys State

2021

- Mayor's Award, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

2019

- Sports Story of the Year: National Scholastic Press Association
- Eagle Scout