

# Patrick McGee

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## Professional Summary

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Former immigration reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. More than 14 years of award-winning journalism experience, including extensive freelance work for *The New York Times*. NICAR/IRE data journalism training in Excel, SQL, ArcGIS mapping and Python coding. Served as a tank commander in the Army and as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador where I learned to speak Spanish. Won awards for volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Boys & Girls Club.

## Experience

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### Freelance Reporter

2015 – present

*The New York Times* | New York, New York

Write and report as a freelancer for the National Desk, Business Desk, Cultural Desk and the Political Desk. Two front-page stories. Wrote a prominent piece on a gun control issue acted on by the President and recently ruled on by the U.S. Supreme Court. Covered two trials and contributed extensively to the *Times'* coverage of race issues and gun violence.

### Senior Editor

April 2023 – December 2023

*Hart Energy* | Houston, Texas

Wrote and edited pieces on the financing of the energy sector for the industry's leading news organization. Articles included complicated topics such as private equity, financial devices, stock buybacks, dividends, corporate cash flows and IPOs.

### Communications Manager

2019 – 2023

*UT Southwestern Medical Center* | Dallas, Texas

Writing and media work for a medical center that won six Nobel Prizes. Built a media contact list of more than 300 medical journalists and secured media hits in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *TIME* magazine and NPR.

### Senior Communications Specialist

2014 – 2019

*Children's Medical Center Foundation* | Dallas, Texas

Helped raise more than \$300 million by producing nearly all content for five magazine-length annual reports, newsletters, and websites. Produced patient stories for a regularly appearing segment on the most watched morning TV show in Dallas.

### First Lieutenant

2010 – 2013

*U.S. Army* | 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment

Led a platoon in combat-training missions that prepared Army units for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. Served as a tank commander in charge of the tank crew, maneuvers, weaponry and fires. Promoted to oversee 110 soldiers, 289 vehicles, and 15 tanks as the officer in charge of combat vehicles. Planned and led complex missions to support combat training with daily briefs to battalion leadership. Awarded the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

### Immigration Reporter

2000 – 2009

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* | Fort Worth, Texas

Wrote hundreds of front-page stories and conducted scores of interviews in Spanish. Trusted with assignments in Mexico, out of state and in the Texas Legislature. Wrote about immigration's impact on the economy, schools, culture and local politics. Used data analysis and government documents in reporting of immigration's impact on North Texas cities. Won internal awards for coverage and commented on immigration issues I was covering live on MSNBC many times. Previously covered higher education during prominent U.S. Supreme Court affirmative action rulings that affected Texas universities.

### Peace Corps Volunteer

1998 – 2000

*Peace Corps* | El Salvador

Learned how to speak Spanish and came to understand issues driving Latin American immigration during service as a Peace Corps volunteer. Lived and worked in remote foothills, helping a farming community dig latrines and build a water system. Managed 40 workers in building a 15-ton capacity bridge that now supports daily vehicular traffic. Co-wrote a 300-page health manual in Spanish. Founded a health committee and led campaigns against cholera, malaria and dengue fever.

## Reporter 1996 – 1998

*The MetroWest Daily News* | Framingham, Massachusetts

Filed two hard news stories per day, covering local government and education. Won a first-place award from the New England Press Association. Wrote all copy in Associated Press style.

## Reporter 1995 – 1996

*The Arlington Advocate* | Arlington, Massachusetts

Covered local and state government, police, fire and schools until promoted to the newspaper chain's largest daily.

## Intern Reporter 1993 – 1994

*The Boston Globe* | Boston, Massachusetts

Held one of the *Globe's* most competitive intern positions as a student writer on the City Desk. Worked as a general assignment reporter covering a wide range of issues including politics and crime.

## Intern Reporter 1991 – 1993

*The Patriot Ledger* | Quincy, Massachusetts

Wrote 20 front-page stories as the police intern reporter covering fires and crime. Retained after internship to cover features and hard news on weekends while attending college full time.

## Education

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### Bachelor of Science in Journalism 1995

*Northeastern University* | Boston, Massachusetts

Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper

National Institute of Computer Assisted Reporting training in Excel and SQL (2005), ArcGIS mapping and Python coding (2015)

## Additional Service

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### Board Member & Volunteer 2014 – 2023

*Boys & Girls Club* | Dallas, Texas

Tutored low-income kids and enrolled them in college prep programs. Two students tutored from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to high school were accepted to every college they applied to and were awarded scholarships. Honored as one of the Top 100 Volunteers, invited to serve on the Board and then on the Board's executive committee. Helped the Board surpass its fundraising goals.

### Volunteer Mentor & Committee Member 2002 – 2010

*Big Brothers Big Sisters* | Arlington, Texas

Mentored the same boy for seven years. Helped him with homework and talked to his parents in Spanish. Enrolled him in a Boy Scout troop. Sent him on Scout camping trips, helped him earn merit badges and join the Scout's Honor Guard. Served on Big Brothers Big Sisters internal committees to advance the organization's goals. Honored as Big Brother of the Year in 2010.

### Board Member 2009 – 2010

*Helping Hands* | Dallas, Texas

Served on Board that raises funds for The Family Place, a domestic violence shelter in Dallas.

### Committee Member 1996 – 1998

*Codman Square Health Center* | Boston, Massachusetts

Helped develop HIV outreach literature. Recruited an artist, designer, photographer and printer to donate to the project.

### Volunteer Tutor 1995 – 1996

*Boston Children's Services* | Boston, Massachusetts

Tutored low-income teenage mothers in their high school work and in preparation for the GED test.