

# She's back, and Longmont couldn't be prouder

She began her teaching and advising career at Arvada West, but something about her alma mater drew her back in 2015. And both schools have benefited from her talent, passion, and joy in teaching.

Katie Gaddis, Longmont HS English chair, said the yearbook at Longmont is suddenly "hotter than Hamilton tickets," and calls Annie the "Lebron James of education."

Principal Rick Olson says, "Annie is 100 percent in, all the time, and it is for the benefits of students and school, never about herself."

"I still marvel at how well Mrs. Gorenstein handled the disorganized group we started out as," wrote Amanda Kowalski, now a Longmont senior and in her third year on yearbook. "The word 'pica' was as foreign to us as Chinese."

"Understanding the differences between an umbrella book and chronological book was a challenge in itself, let alone deciding how to actually create one. Concepts like white space, spacing rails, and levels of coverage seemed positively confusing. Personally, the thought of designing an entire spread was terrifying."

"Now, only two years later, I plan on majoring in journalism with a minor in graphic design."

Former JEA Yearbook Adviser of the Year, and this year's AOY judge, Casey Nichols wrote: "What stood out with Annie was a consistent theme of growth which has developed into one enhanced by service at the site, state and national levels. That she built one national and state award-winning program and chose to return to her alma mater to rebuild another speaks highly of her passion for growth. Her letters of support sang with admiration."

Yearbooks Annie has advised have been

# Principal helps build visionary program from scratch

When Early College High School, In Colorado Springs, opened in 2013, their new principal and the newly chosen staff had 43 days to launch a brand new system of learning.

That principal is Aurora Usama-Arko, and among the many goals she had for this new school was to create a Career Pathway in Journalism. From a small soft-cover yearbook in 2014, to a hard-cover volume, and now to that fully realized program and CTE recognition, ECHS is well on its way to success.

It's no surprise that Aurora has been a committed supporter of student media, having advised publications herself for nine years earlier in her career.

That doesn't make the appreciation of ECHS students Victoria Bettis and Sarah Banfield any less heart-felt.

"Mrs. Umana's hands off approach to our journalism program allows us to learn the techniques, laws, and decision making skills effectively while also holding us accountable when we misstep," they wrote in nominating her. "The school community is learning that this four-year-old program is reliable, ethical, responsible... and run by a staff of students."

"Mrs. Umana does not apologize when we make a mistake. She guides us through the process of correcting and repairing relationships."

Chris Berry, social studies chair, wrote that he has never had a supervisor as effective and engaging as Aurora.



## Annie Gorenstein Falkenberg 2017 CSMA Adviser of the Year Hear from Annie during Session 3 in Cherokee Park

honored by CSMA, with five All-Colorado ratings for the Arvada West "Claw," and with Longmont's "Priam" earning its first All-Colorado for the 2017 book. Her students have earned 14 JEA Write-off awards, and top ratings from NSPA and CSPA.

She has served as CSMA vice president, and has just begun her two-year term as president.

Beyond all the awards and statistics is her passion and philosophy, so perhaps we should let Annie speak for herself:

"I am a believer in the power of student-run media," she said. "I know from experience that when students make the decisions, ownership, engagement, and quality of work increase significantly."

"Early in my career as an adviser, I spent a lot of time being nervous about the things my students *might* do – eight years later, I am thrilled by the possibilities of the things that my student *can and will* do."

Congratulations to Annie Gorenstein Falkenberg, our 2017 CSMA Adviser of the Year.



## Aurora Usama-Arko 2017 CSMA Administrator of the Year Hear from Aurora during Session 2 in Room 372-374

"I cannot begin to count the number of times I have seen her put her arms in the air and flash a huge smile when she hears word of a student experiencing a victory," he said. "Student see that unbridled joy and know she celebrates with them."

Aurora is a strong defender of the Colorado Student Freedom of Expression Law.

"Students learn the freedom of the press in her school's program," she said, "and are inspired to pursue journalism in college because of their experiences in investigating, writing, and speaking truth."

"Without the freedom of the press, democracy fails."

It won't fail in Early College High School, that's certain.

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## MEET THE SPEAKERS



**Jenny Fischer**  
Design Adviser

Jenny is a graphic designer with more than 10 years of experience advising student journalists in everything from advertising and news design, to magazine design, production, and storytelling. Her experience as a college media adviser has given Jenny a better perspective on thinking outside of the box, a well-tested method for keeping a team on track and on deadline, and a solid sense of humor when it comes to rolling with the punches. And she's a mean office chair racer.



**David Freed**  
CSU Journalism  
Instructor

A proud CSU journalism graduate and member of its Media Hall of Fame, David Freed is a former Pulitzer-Prize winning investigative reporter for the Los Angeles Times and CBS News. He also is a contributing editor to Air & Space Smithsonian magazine.



**Nic Garcia**  
Chalkbeat  
Colorado Deputy  
Bureau Chief

Nic Garcia is the deputy bureau chief of Chalkbeat Colorado. He covers statewide education policy issues for the nonprofit news organization. Garcia is a Colorado native and has fond memories of High School Journalism Day when he attended Pueblo South High School.



**Annie Gorenstein Falkenberg, CJE**  
Longmont HS

Annie Gorenstein Falkenberg, CJE is the adviser of the Priam yearbook at Longmont High School. During her time as adviser her yearbook staffs have earned numerous state and national awards. Annie is the Colorado Student Media Association President. In 2015, JEA named her as a Rising Star.



**Tina Griego,**  
Managing editor,  
The Colorado  
Independent

Tina Griego is an award-winning journalist who has worked for some of the country's best papers, including the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post, but her heart belongs to the Southwest. She was a longtime city columnist for both the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post and specialized in coverage of immigration, education and urban poverty as well as stories from the city's minority communities.



**Peter Griffin,**  
CJE & ACA  
Jostens Publishing

Peter began his yearbook career at 22 years old and continues after 28 years to enjoy his job as a Jostens yearbook specialist. His staffs continually earn state and national awards as well please their students and communities. He specializes in creating experiences for yearbook staffs that focus on education and creating the best book possible.



**Anastasia Harrison, CJE**  
Legend HS

Anastasia Harrison, CJE, advises the Epic yearbook at Legend HS. Her students' publications have earned state and national awards including CSPA Silver Crowns and an NSPA Pacemaker as well as Pacemaker finalist nominations. Harrison was honored with the JEA Rising Star award in 2011 and was the CSMA Adviser of the Year for 2016.



**Carrie Hendrix, CJE**  
Lewis-Palmer HS

Carrie Hendrix, CJE, has been advising the Westwind yearbook since 2003 and the Ranger Review News website since 2008 at Lewis-Palmer HS in Colorado. Her students' publications have earned top state and national awards including two CSPA Crowns and an NSPA Pacemaker. Hendrix was honored with the Colorado Student Media Association Adviser of the Year in 2015.



**Jessica Hunziker, CJE**  
Castle View HS

Jessica Hunziker, CJE advises the CV Student Media program at Castle View High School, which includes yearbook, newspaper, broadcast. Hunziker's media staffs have earned numerous awards to include the All-Colorado award, All-American ratings from NSPA, Gold Medalists ratings from CSPA, and most recently, placing in NSPA's Best of Show yearbook and newspaper competitions. Hunziker is currently serving as President-Elect of the Colorado Student Media Association.



**Bonnie Katzive**  
Monarch HS

Bonnie Katzive has more than eight years experience as a high school publications adviser and is currently the adviser for Monarch High School's The Howler magazine, mhshowler.com, and Mosaic yearbook. The Howler was a Pacemaker finalist in 2014. Bonnie has written for CJET, presented at CSMA J-Day and JEA, and written for several other advising-related publications. She was one of the first recipients of the Press Law and Ethics certification in Colorado in 2012.



**Natalie Marner**  
Producer, EVT V

Natalie is a senior at Eagle Valley High School and the Producer of EVT V. Natalie is passionate about digital storytelling, and she recently returned from Northwestern University's National High School Institute for Film. She has earned recognition in the Colorado Student Media Association's Best of Colorado awards for her directing, and she was a co-editor for EVT V, a 2016-17 Pacemaker Finalist.



**Jim McClurg**  
Rock Canyon HS

Jim has taught digital media classes at the middle and high school levels in Douglas County since 1998. He taught video production so long that he learned Final Cut Pro 1.0 when it was given out as trial Apple editing software. His broadcast TV and film classes have won state film awards and now collect state and national awards from the new animation courses he began in 2016. Go to [rockcanyonjags.com/rctv](http://rockcanyonjags.com/rctv) to check out RCTV and the RCTV Vault, with Short Films, PSA/Commercials, Music Videos, Documentaries, and Animations since 2004.

## PHOTOJOURNALISM

**Kenn Bisio: Forty Years of Photojournalism in 20 Photos.** Lory Theatre

Forty years of photojournalism in 20 photographs is a visual exploration of how so much has changed in four decades it has just about stayed the same. It is also a visual testament to photojournalism and how that genre has moved from the captured critical moment that illuminates the human condition to landfill photography; just fill the hole on the page.

## LAW & ETHICS

**Dennis Ryerson: News Ethics in the Age of Trump.** Ballroom A

The credibility of our work always has been important in journalism, but never more so than in the era of the Trump presidency. Why does it matter? What can we do to regain the public trust?

## REPORTING/COVERAGE

**Tina Griego: Humanity and Humility in Covering Immigration.** Ballroom B

The DACA program, which gave certain undocumented immigrants permission to work legally in this country, is set to begin expiring in March, leaving nearly 18,000 Colorado youth vulnerable to deportation over the following two years. They are young people in high school, college and in the workforce now. Telling their stories can be tricky, since many are children of parents who live here without documentation. Not telling their stories reduces them to statistics. A discussion of how to walk the line between educating people about the lives of undocumented immigrants without exposing them to potential danger. Hint: It's not easy.

## REPORTING/COVERAGE

**Karen Slusher: Covering Controversy.** Ballroom C

Controversial topics come up all the time, and student journalists have the right to tackle them. However, there is a right and a wrong way to go about covering those stories. Come to this session to get insight on how your staff can be prepared when the time arises.

## GENERAL INTEREST

**Justin Daigle & Carrie Hendrix: Building Partnerships Within Your School Community.** Ballroom D

Have you always wanted to build a strong partnership with your administration, coaches, parents, and/or school community? Relationships matter. Come join this interactive session to provide you with strategies and ideas that help foster relationships that help support your journalism program.

## GENERAL INTEREST

**Annie Gorenstein Falkenberg: Better Every Deadline.** Cherokee Park

Your publication should be improving with each deadline. In this session we will discuss how to build a culture of continuous improvement within your publication.

## LAW & ETHICS

**Jeff Roberts: Freedom of Information.** North Ballroom

A presentation on the freedom of information laws that provide Americans (and Coloradans, in particular) access to the records and proceedings of government. I'll discuss the federal Freedom of Information Act, Colorado Open Records Act, Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act and the Colorado Open Meetings Law and explain the importance of these laws for both journalists and the public at large.

## GENERAL INTEREST

**Tina Barber: Lifting "Up" the Creative Process.** 304-306

"Squirrel!" Does your publication staff feel as though they're already behind developing designs, covering events, or taking photos even though the year just began? This session looks to the Brain Trust at Pixar as a mentor for how to embrace mistakes and failures as an essential part of the creative process... and offers opportunities to apply these practices to the publication cycle.

## VIDEO

**Pat Clark: Bringing the World into the Classroom.** 308-310

This is an introductory-level workshop on how to create immersive 360 video. During this session students will learn the entire 360 video workflow and have access to a variety of 360 video cameras. Participants will shoot a 360 video project of their own, which they will be able to view with a Google Cardboard headset and/or their smartphones.

## GENERAL INTEREST

**CMCI - CU Boulder: Experience Slow Motion Booth and Virtual Reality.** 322

This room will be open all day. Stop by for a few minutes or get into the various experiences in some depth.

## REPORTING/COVERAGE

**Bobby Fernandez & Kati Velazquez & Ed Otte: Talking Reporting With the Professionals.** 324

A session on newswriting and reporting with an emphasis on the basics of interviewing, crafting a story, etc. The sessions will primarily follow a question-and-answer format.

## VIDEO

**Adam Dawkins: Adding Video Stories to Your Publication** 372-374

Whether you're looking to add video storytelling to your yearbook, print, or online platform, come learn some tried and true ways to create professional video broadcast news and feature stories and add them to your reporting for web and social media right away. We will look at on-camera interviewing, b-roll, and sequencing techniques as well as writing for broadcast stories.

## VIDEO

**Jim McClurg: Styling & Profiling – Video Profiles.** 376-378

Get insight into producing creative, fun video profile stories on students, staff, and other individuals or groups at your school doing amazing things. Through discussion, RCTV production examples, and online resources you will be on your way to help you create your own for your news program.

## GENERAL INTEREST

**Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation Panel: College Media 101.** 382

Are you interested in working for the student newspaper, or radio station, or TV station, or magazine while in college? Do you want to know what it's really like? A panel of students from the Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation at Colorado State University will give you the inside scoop on why they joined, what the transition is like and answer any questions you might have.

## ONLINE/SOCIAL MEDIA

**Alex McNamee: Use Analytics. Get an Edge.** 386  
Google Analytics is a great tool for your site, though one that looks overwhelming when you're trying to jump in. What's up with all the numbers, graphs and maps? How should you be reading them? Come learn how to use it to your advantage.

## MEET THE SPEAKERS



**Alex McNamee**  
SNO Sites  
Education and  
Training Specialist

Alex McNamee is the education and training specialist at SNO Sites. He has experience in print and online journalism, is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, and worked for four years as a sports reporter at mid-sized dailies in Illinois before joining SNO.



**Patrick Moring, CJE**  
Rampart HS

Patrick Moring is the current Digital Media Coordinator and an executive board member of the CSMA. He is the adviser for the award winning KRAM student broadcast team, and started the 1st curricular sports broadcasting class in the state of Colorado. His student program produces weekly newscasts, live sports and event broadcasts, and creative films that have been recognized at the national level by NSPA, JEA, and NFHSAA. He is a huge Star Wars nerd, but his wife loves him so it's cool.



**Mark Newton, MJE**  
Mountain Vista HS

Mark Newton, MJE is the journalism teacher at Mountain Vista High School. He advises MV Media, a comprehensive, converged program consisting of the Aerie yearbook, Eagle Eye news magazine and VistaNow website.



**Jed Palmer, CJE**  
Sierra MS

Jed Palmer is the journalism adviser at Sierra Middle School. His program has earned numerous awards, including Crown, Pacemaker, and NSPA Picture of the Year honors. Palmer is a frequent conference presenter and the 2013 CSPA Adviser of the Year.



**Tony Phifer**  
Colorado State  
University  
Communications  
Specialist

Tony Phifer has been a dedicated disciple of sports journalism for more than 40 years. He worked in daily newspapers for 28 years before moving into the media relations field at Colorado State University. He has won numerous awards for his column and feature writing.



**Kristi Rathbun, CJE**  
Rock Canyon HS

Kristi Rathbun, CJE advises The Black & Gold yearbook, The Rock student newspaper and rockmediaonline at Rock Canyon High School. Her students have earned All-Colorado Awards from CSMA, Crown and Gold Medalist recognition from CSPA, Pacemaker and All-American recognition from NSPA and a number of Best of Show honors at national and state conferences. Rathbun currently serves as the CSMA Advocacy Coordinator and Colorado JEA State Director; she was selected as a JEA Distinguished Adviser in 2014 and received a CSPA Gold Key in 2016.



**Rob Rathbun**  
Balfour Senior  
Yearbook  
Representative

Rob has been working with high school and middle school journalism programs to create award winning publications throughout the state of Colorado and Front Range. A regular speaker at local and national conventions, Rob has the heart to help students reach their full potential.



**Ben Reed**  
Monarch HS

Ben Reed advises the media programs at Monarch High School in Louisville. Previously, he advised The Lake news-magazine at Standley Lake High School, where he helped the staffs win multiple All-Colorado Awards and a Pacemaker Award. His passion is helping young journalists find a story worth telling.



**Duane Roberson**  
D11 CTE Director

Duane began teaching high school newspaper in 1997 at Sierra High School, adding yearbook in 2001. He joined CTE in 2009, and moved to Manitou School District as CTE Director 2011 and also taught newspaper (online only) and yearbook from 2012-2016. Also, as CTE Director, he introduced CTE to MSSD14 and developed four programs. He joined Colorado Springs School District 11 in 2016-2017 as CTE Director. D11 operates 68 programs across 15 sites K-12, including 4 multi-media/broadcasting and 1 graphic arts programs.



**Jeff Roberts**  
Executive Director,  
Colorado Freedom  
of Information  
Coalition

Jeff Roberts has been the executive director of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition since 2013. He was a reporter and editor at The Denver Post for 23 years and later worked at the University of Denver's Center for Colorado's Economic Future. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Northwestern University.



**Jim Rodenbush**  
Student Media  
Adviser, Rocky  
Mountain  
Student Media

Jim works in close collaboration with the students who run the Rocky Mountain Collegian newspaper, Collegian.com, KCSU-FM, CTV and College Avenue magazine. He provides regular feedback and advises student leaders on all facets of day-to-day operations. Jim came to Rocky Mountain Student Media in Sept. 2015 after spending five years in an adviser's role at Penn State University and Webster University, where student publications won three Pacemaker Awards from the Associated Collegiate Press.



**Andrew Ross**  
Walsworth  
Publishing

Andrew Ross is a former Yearbook Editor-in-Chief turned Yearbook Representative who has been doing yearbook longer than he has been driving! He proudly represents Walsworth Yearbooks in Colorado.



**Dennis Ryerson**  
Retired editor, The  
Indianapolis Star,  
Des Moines Register

Served as Managing Editor, The Denver Post; Editor, the Des Moines Register; Editor, The Indianapolis Star. 4-time Pulitzer Prize juror. Moderated three nationally televised presidential debates. Supervised coverage that won national awards for service to the First Amendment and for reporting on issues of child abuse.



**Ken Schwartz**  
Walsworth  
Publishing

After an four years and an honorable discharge from the United States Navy, I graduated from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a bachelor's of science in secondary English education. Prior to taking a position as a Walsworth representative, I spent three years teaching English in both high school and middle school.

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## LAW & ETHICS

**Adam Dawkins: Doing Ethics – What to Know When Covering Sensitive Topics.** Cherokee Park  
Thinking critically about your coverage is the most important thing you do in the newsroom. We will look at guiding principles for journalists in making sound ethical choices for reporting and coverage. Learn to ask good questions to make good ethical decisions. We will talk about covering sensitive topics, objective techniques, guidelines for evaluating sources, and how to uphold a duty to the truth while minimizing harm.

## REPORTING/COVERAGE

**Nic Garcia: Covering the Big Story.** North Ballroom  
Education is local. But often times the biggest stories that get the most attention happen at the national or state level. At this session, Nic Garcia will discuss education hot topics and suggest story ideas on how to localize education policy debates.

## VIDEO

**Patrick Moring: Adobe Premiere – Editing for Beginners.** 304-306  
Adobe Premiere can be a daunting program for someone that hasn't used it before. We'll go over the basics of editing theory and show you how to combine interviews, b-roll, voice overs, and even music to make a news package that effectively reaches your audience.

## PHOTOJOURNALISM

**Bonnie Katzive: Photoshop Fails and Photojournalism Ethics.** 308-310  
Photoshop is a powerful tool for making your photos look great, but it also presents many temptations. We will look at some famous and infamous examples of photographic manipulation and talk about keeping our own photojournalism practice ethical.

## GENERAL INTEREST

**CMCI - CU Boulder: Experience Slow Motion Booth and Virtual Reality.** 322 (seats 40)  
This room will be open all day. Stop by for a few minutes or get into the various experiences in some depth.

## WRITING

**Ken Schwartz: Headlines and Captions.** 324  
An introduction to creating attractive headlines and detailed captions that will engage the reader.

## DESIGN

**Jenny Fischer: Magazine Design Tips and Tricks.** 372-374  
In this session, we will take a look at trends and best practices in magazine design, from how to design for different types of content to alternate story forms. We will also cover some tricks and tips you can implement in your own newsroom, to make your magazine stand out from the crowd.

## REPORTING/COVERAGE

**Stephen Wahlfeldt: Sports Coverage in a Changing Landscape.** 376-378  
Sure, sports are still an important piece of the high school experience. But how do you cover high school sports in an age of instant news, instant results? This session will focus on what may or may not be important when looking at what to do with high school sports coverage, and what your school can do to freshen up the story ideas related to the games we play.

## YEARBOOK

**Carrie Faust: Yearbook Trends – Coverage and Design.** 382  
Every yearbook needs a coverage plan and every coverage plan needs a design identity. Come to this session to get inspired for yours!

## PHOTOJOURNALISM

**Rob Rathbun: Photojournalism 101.** 386  
Learn the basics of composing your photography to make your photos shine. Go from the absolute basics to be sure to focus on the right spot. Learn the dos and don'ts of photography.

Be sure to use **#jday17** to tweet about your favorite sessions today.

And join us in the Grand Ballroom for our Awards Ceremony after Session 4 ends. We will give out All-Colorado awards and reveal today's Best of Show winners in photojournalism, news publications, video and online. **Time to celebrate!**

## FOR ADVISERS

**Jed Palmer: Middle School Roundtable.** Long's Peak  
Meet up with other middle school advisers and discuss the issues YOU are confronting. And why not enjoy some food and drink while you meet?

## GUIDED TOURS

**RMSMC Guides: Check out the Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation's facilities, from the KCSU radio station to the Collegian newsroom, to the CTV studios.** Sign up at the CSU/JMC booth on the west side of the main staircase.



Above: Two photos from Ponderosa's Eric Douglas, who was named 2016 Photographer of the Year.

## Keep a folder of your best work, and compete for title of 'best of the best' in the CSMA individual contests this spring

This year CSMA is offering \$250 prizes to the first place winners **and** to their media programs, and these contests are open to all grade levels, in all media.

All contest entries are submitted online, with a deadline of April 15.

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- Broadcast Journalist of the Year
- Middle School Journalist of the Year

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## MEET THE SPEAKERS



**Hannah Shapiro**  
Eagle Valley HS

Hannah Shapiro is a third year teacher and journalism adviser and advises print, online, and broadcast journalism in addition to co-sponsoring the literary arts magazine and the Mountain West Diversity Conference. This year the broadcast program, ETVV, is a finalist for the NSPA Broadcast Pacemaker.



**Karen Slusher, CJE**  
Eaglecrest HS

Karen Slusher has been teaching and advising publications at Eaglecrest High School for 13 years. She has taught workshops in Iowa, Utah, and Colorado, and loves sharing her passion for free speech with students and schools everywhere.



**Kati Velazquez**  
Greeley Tribune

Kati Velazquez is the business reporter for The Greeley Tribune and covers real estate, small and large business, economic development, agriculture and more for Greeley/Weld County. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 2016 with a degree in journalism.



**Elaine Venter**  
Instructor of Mass Communications,  
Colorado Mesa University

Elaine Venter, MA, is a Mass Communication instructor at Colorado Mesa University specializing in new media communication.



**Paul Voakes**  
Professor of Journalism,  
CU-Boulder

Paul Voakes has taught journalism at five universities (including CU since 2003) over the last 30 years. His research and teaching specializations are in media ethics, law, writing, reporting and editing. He is currently the president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, the world's largest organizations for journalism scholars and professors.



**Stephen Wahlfeldt**  
JEA Mentor

Stephen Wahlfeldt is a retired journalism teacher who advised yearbook and newspaper for 26 years, most recently at Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins. Prior to teaching, he was a sports writer for the Fort Collins Coloradoan. He currently mentors publications advisers through the JEA Mentor program.



**Ryan Warner**  
Colorado Public Radio

Ryan Warner hosts Colorado Public Radio's daily interview program "Colorado Matters." He regularly reports on the most important issues facing Colorado – from the state capitol, which includes a monthly interview with the governor of Colorado – to topics such as health, education, business, energy, the environment, and arts and culture. Ryan came to CPR from WGCU in Fort Myers, Fla. He was the founding host of that station's daily call-in talk show, Gulf Coast Live. At the station, he served as assistant news director and local host of NPR's "All Things Considered" and filed stories for NPR during Hurricane Charley in 2004. Ryan previously hosted "Morning Edition" on WYSO Public Radio in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and co-created a weekend news magazine there. Prior to that, he served as news director of KOPN Community Radio in Columbia, Mo. For two years, Ryan left public radio to report and anchor weekend news at KTIV-TV, the NBC affiliate in Sioux City, Iowa.

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