

Leigh Munsil

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Editor in Chief, November 2021-present
San Antonio Report – San Antonio, Texas

- Lead a nonprofit local newsroom in San Antonio, Texas, setting the direction and editorial strategy — and making the case for local journalism in communities.

Editor, The Point with Chris Cillizza, May 2018-October 2021
CNN Politics – Washington, DC

- Edited and ran a multiplatform news and analysis section that provides audiences with what they need to know about the top political stories of the day.
- Served as primary editor for Chris Cillizza, as well as two other employees -- one focused on video and the other on a newsletter.
- Managed various projects including a YouTube show launch, Instagram story, a marketing push and a newsletter redesign.

Breaking News Editor, February 2017 to May 2018
CNN Politics – Washington, DC

- Led and managed breaking and political digital coverage in the evening hours until the close of the Politics desk.
- Ran the desk by monitoring national and local news sources for breaking content, edited breaking political and policy stories, worked with beat editors to prepare AM stories.
- Coordinated with overnight and international teams across CNN Digital.

Political Editor, November 2015 to February 2017
The Blaze – Washington, DC

- Managed a team of reporters, coordinating coverage of the 2016 presidential race as well as the White House and Congress.
- Traveled to Iowa, New Hampshire, Texas and Arizona to cover the primary cycle, and covered the Republican and Democratic National Conventions on the ground.

Defense Reporter, August 2011 to November 2015
POLITICO – Rosslyn, Va.

- Covered the Pentagon and U.S. defense industry from a congressional lens.

- Reported on companies like Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Northrop Grumman, as well as the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.

Staff Writer, June 2010 to June 2011
The Dallas Morning News – Dallas, Texas

- Covered local news and breaking news for the city desk, as well as feature stories.

Editor in Chief, September 2009 to June 2010
The State Press – Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ

- Managed a staff of more than 100 people and budgeted for all salaries and expenses.
- Planned and executed the Monday-Friday daily newspaper's coverage, style and design.

Education

B.A: Journalism and Mass Communication, Spanish minor, 2010
Arizona State University – Tempe, Ariz.

Additional Information

- 2016 Society of Professional Journalists D.C. Chapter Dateline Award for best business reporting
- Attended a Facebook News Literacy Working Group in March 2017, participating in discussions on news literacy, "fake news" and how technology and social media affect the spread of misinformation online
- 2010 Pacemaker finalist, Best Four-Year Daily Newspaper, The State Press, 2009-2010 school year as editor-in-chief
- ASU President's Scholarship Recipient
- National Merit Commended Scholar