# AVERY ELLFELDT

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Alaska Desk Reporter** | Alaska Public Media | Haines, AK | *2025 – Present*

- Pitch, report and produce 2–4 stories weekly for radio and web.
- Build sourcing and expertise on issues relevant to local and state-wide audiences, including climate impacts, climate adaptation, the cruise industry, wildlife management, rural transportation systems, mining and international trade.
- Script and shoot social media content to accompany high-profile stories, including one that reached 247K people on Facebook and received 92K likes on Instagram.
- Collaborate with NPR editors to adapt web and radio stories for a national audience.
- Cover breaking news stories, including a fatal ice-skating accident, a plane crash and a state raid of a rural wildlife facility.
- Coordinate with reporters and editors across the public radio network to align coverage and close reporting gaps.

**Climate Reporter** | POLITICO's Energy & Environment News | Washington, DC & Denver, CO | *2020 – 2024*

- Pitched and reported 3–5 stories weekly on a brand-new beat focused on the intersection of climate change and finance.
- Expanded coverage to the western U.S. to examine how insurance and real estate markets are responding to rising climate risk.
- Built relationships with lawmakers, state and federal agencies, and companies to break news and provide in-depth analysis.
- Planned and executed reporting trips to Puerto Rico, Oregon and Colorado to ground federal policy in local communities.

**Digital Content Intern** | NPR | Washington, DC | *Fall 2019*

- Pitched and reported enterprise stories for NPR.org on climate change, renewable energy, business and immigration.
- Adapted 1–3 assigned radio stories weekly for NPR.org, writing web copy and producing digital builds.

**Dow Jones News Fellow** | POLITICO's Energy & Environment News | Washington, DC | *Summer 2019*

- Filed 48+ stories on environment and energy topics for digital publication.

**Editor-in-Chief** | Manitou Messenger, St. Olaf College | Northfield, MN | *2018 – 2019*

- Directed weekly production, editorial content and layout for a 21-person newsroom across 30 issues.
- Led a rebranding effort, expanding the news section by two reporters and adding a full page to modernize print and digital presence and boost engagement.

**Storytelling Assistant** | Kino Border Initiative | Sonora, Mexico | *January 2019*

- Conducted interviews with migrants in Spanish to document testimonies for the organization's website and educational efforts.

**Editorial Intern** | Bloomberg Government | Washington, DC | *Summer 2018*

- Interviewed industry leaders, members of Congress and congressional staff to report 11 articles for bgov.com.

## AWARDS

- **Alaska Press Club** — 1st Place, Best Reporting on Government or Politics, 2026
- **Public Media Journalists Association** — 1st Place, Series, Major Market Stations, 2026
  *Contributing reporter for a four-part series on food security.*
- **Bonde Award** — St. Olaf College Senior Capstone, Center for Integrative Studies, 2019
  *"For extraordinary intellectual work that created lasting impact on the campus or other communities."*
- **College Media Association, Pinnacle Awards** — 3rd Place, Best Special Section, 2019
- **Minnesota Newspaper Association** — Better Newspaper Contest
  1st Place (2019): Investigative Reporting
  1st Place (2019): Government/Public Affairs Reporting
  1st Place (2019): Social Issues Story

## EDUCATION

St. Olaf College, Bachelor of Arts, 2019
Majors: Spanish, Intercultural Communication
Magna Cum Laude

## SKILLS

**Audio/Visual:** Audio recording, editing and production using Adobe Audition; Adobe InDesign, Photoshop; Basic photo and video production with DSLR equipment
**Web/writing:** WordPress, AP Style
**Languages:** Spanish (conversational)