

# Austen Erblat

Award-winning multimedia reporter  
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## Experience

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Reporter, [South Florida Sun Sentinel](https://www.sun-sentinel.com), South Florida tri-county area *Nov. 2017 to July 1, 2022*

- Produced timely, accurate news content of high interest to our community, meeting deadlines on topics including politics, crime, justice, extreme weather and more;
- Received over 7 million page views in four and a half years, with stories often being the most read on our website. I leverage audience data to inform some editorial decisions;
- Regularly turned public records requests and trending social media topics into breaking news content at lightning-fast speed, while updating and developing throughout the day;
- Work has been picked up by larger news outlets and cited in Wikipedia, an ongoing lawsuit against the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security and in prominent law reviews.

Freelance Writer, [WhoWhatWhy](https://www.whowhatwhy.com), New York, N.Y. *Aug. 2018 to April 2019*

- Completed stories on extremely tight deadlines; usually in a matter of one to two hours.
- Wrote breaking news articles about law, politics and justice.
- Distilled complex topics into digestible language for a general audience.

Managing Editor, [Florida Atlantic University Press](https://www.floridatlantic.edu), Boca Raton, Fla. *Aug. 2013 to Dec. 2013*

- Won [Best Special Issue](#), Associated Collegiate Press / College Media Awards 2013 for a 10-month [investigation](#) into the school's police department I co-wrote and edited;
- Managed, trained and edited an award-winning staff of over 30 with a budget of \$45,000;
- Edited all content other than sports stories.

Reporter, [Florida Atlantic University Press](https://www.floridatlantic.edu), Boca Raton, Fla. *May 2013 to Dec. 2015*

- Wrote news articles, opinion pieces and blog posts, getting first cover story in one month;
- Reporting helped bring multiple changes to the school's and police department's leadership.

Intern, [Broward County Public Defender's Office](https://www.broward.org), Fort Lauderdale, Fla. *Jan. 2013 - May 2013*

- Filed record requests, attended trials and hearings and interviewed clients off the record.

## Education

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[Nova Southeastern University College of Law](https://www.nova.edu)  
2017 - \*Withdrew to pursue journalism\*  
[Florida Atlantic University](https://www.floridatlantic.edu)  
Bachelor of Arts in history and political  
science, with a pre-law focus  
2011 - 2015

## Volunteering and freelance

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- Wrote news articles on a freelance basis for [The Forward](https://www.theforward.com) and [WhoWhatWhy](https://www.whowhatwhy.com)
- Volunteer on the Florida Atlantic University Student Media Advisory Board
- Judge local high school journalism contests

*References available upon request.*