

# PATRICK MCGEE

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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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**The New York Times** New York, N.Y.  
*Freelance Reporter* May 2015 – present

- ▶ Assignments from the National Desk, Business Desk and the Political Desk. Two front-page bylines.
- ▶ Extensive work with the Houston bureau chief. Numerous contributions to the coverage of gun violence.

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram** Fort Worth, Texas  
*Reporter* December 2000 – March 2009

- ▶ Wrote hundreds of front-page stories with assignments in Mexico, out of state and in the state legislature.
- ▶ Covered immigration with interviews in Spanish and analysis of government data.
- ▶ Commented on immigration on MSNBC several times and often beat the competition covering the issue.

**The MetroWest Daily News** Framingham, Mass.  
*Reporter* October 1996 – February 1998

- ▶ Focused exclusively on suburban issues covering town selectmen, schools and local development.
- ▶ Covered religion extensively, winning a first place award from the New England Press Association.

**The Arlington Advocate** Arlington, Mass.  
*Reporter* July 1995 – October 1996

- ▶ Covered government, police and schools in a Boston suburb until promoted to the chain's largest daily.

**The Boston Globe** Boston, Mass.  
*Reporter* April – June 1994

- ▶ 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.

**The Patriot Ledger** Quincy, Mass.  
*Reporter* January 1991 – June 1993

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

## PEACE CORPS & MILITARY SERVICE

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**U.S. Army** 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment  
*First Lieutenant* February 2010 – September 2013

- ▶ Led a platoon in combat-training missions that prepared Army units deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ▶ Served as a tank commander in charge of tank maintenance, 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.
- ▶ Rated in the top 10% by the battalion commander. Promoted to captain in the Army Reserves.

**Peace Corps** El Salvador  
*Peace Corps Volunteer* March 1998 – August 2000

- ▶ Lived and worked in remote foothills, helping peasant farmers dig latrines and build a water system.
- ▶ Managed 40 workers to build a 15-ton capacity bridge. Co-wrote a 300-page health manual in Spanish.
- ▶ Founded a local health committee and led education campaigns against cholera, malaria and dengue.

## DATA SKILLS

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- ▶ Python: National Institute of Computer Assisted Reporting Coding Boot Camp, November 2015.
- ▶ ArcGIS mapping: NICAR Mapping Boot Camp, August 2015.
- ▶ Excel & SQL: NICAR Computer Assisted Reporting Boot Camp, May 2005.
- ▶ Tableau: Self-taught. (Tableau Desktop Professional acquired with NICAR membership.)
- ▶ Additional skill: Fluency in Spanish from more than two years of Peace Corps service in El Salvador.

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## MEDICAL WRITER

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### UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dallas, Texas

#### *Medical Writer*

January 2019 – present

- ▶ Write about COVID-19 research and patient care for an institution that won five Nobel Prizes.
- ▶ Also write about cellular, molecular and genome research in cancer and other clinical specialty areas.

### Children's Medical Center Foundation

Dallas, Texas

#### *Lead Writer*

June 2014 – January 2019

- ▶ Web and magazine writer for a foundation that raised \$300 million for a non-profit children's hospital.
- ▶ Interviewed patient families in Spanish and worked extensively with Spanish language media.

## AWARDS

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- ▶ Named one of Boys & Girls Club's Top 100 Volunteers for 2014 and 2015. Asked to serve on the board.
- ▶ Army Achievement Medal and Army Commendation Medal. Rated in top 10% by battalion commander.
- ▶ Named 2010 Big Brother of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters after seven years of volunteer work.
- ▶ First place in annual Amon Awards for watchdog journalism on immigration coverage in 2007.
- ▶ First place in quarterly Amon Awards for specialty reporting, 2004 and watchdog journalism, 2005.
- ▶ Second place in the quarterly Amon Awards for coverage of Pope John Paul's 2002 visit to Mexico.
- ▶ First place in 1997 from the New England Press Association for coverage of religious issues.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICE

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### Boys & Girls Club

Dallas, Texas

#### *Volunteer Tutor & Board Member*

March 2014 – present

- ▶ Tutor low-income children in reading. Correspond with their teachers to develop lesson plans.
- ▶ Honored as one of the top 100 volunteers. Serve on the board and helped it raise more than \$100,000.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

Dallas, Texas

#### *Volunteer Mentor*

September 2002 – January 2010

- ▶ Mentored same boy for seven years. Helped with homework and kept in weekly contact with his teacher.
- ▶ Enrolled him in a Boy Scout troop. Helped him earn merit badges and become part of the Honor Guard.

### Helping Hands

Dallas, Texas

#### *Board Member*

March 2009 – January 2010

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

### John Peter Smith Hospital

Fort Worth, Texas

#### *Volunteer Translator*

January 2001 – December 2001

- ▶ Translated for Spanish-speaking patients in a family clinic at the county hospital.

### Codman Square Health Center

Boston, Mass.

#### *Committee Member*

September 1996 – February 1998

- ▶ Helped develop AIDS outreach literature addressing HIV prevention and domestic violence issues.
- ▶ Recruited a graphic designer, artist, photographer and printer to produce the outreach literature for free.

### Boston Children's Services

Boston, Mass.

#### *Volunteer Tutor*

July 1995 – October 1996

- ▶ Tutored inner-city, teenage mothers in their high school work and in preparation for the GED test.

## EDUCATION

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Northeastern University

Boston, Mass.

Bachelor of Science in Journalism

June 1995

Editor of the student newspaper, 1994 – 1995

Dean's List