

# Patrick McGee

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## Professional Summary

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Highly accomplished communications professional with more than 12 years of award-winning journalism work and eight years of public relations work. Extensive freelance work for *The New York Times* includes two front-page stories. Leadership, management, and project management skills proven in service as an Officer in the Army and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador. Distinguished community leadership with more than 20 years of volunteer work, including board service.

## Experience

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### Communications Manager

2019 – Present

*UT Southwestern Medical Center* | Dallas, Texas

Work with physicians and PhD researchers at an institution that won six Nobel Prizes. Put scientific findings into compelling, lay language for journalists and the general public. Secure faculty interviews with outlets important to the institution such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *TIME*, *USA Today*, *The Dallas Morning News*, National Public Radio, and Stat News. Helped the Cancer Center climb into the top 25 in rankings with strategic media pitches, news releases, and social media posts.

### Freelance Reporter

2015 – 2020

*The New York Times* | New York, New York

Assignments for the National Desk turned into two front-page stories and was followed by assignments from the Political Desk, the Business Desk, and the Cultural Desk. Many contributions to *The Times'* coverage of gun violence and extensive work with the Texas Bureau Chief.

### Senior Communications Specialist

2014 – 2019

*Children's Medical Center Foundation* | Dallas, Texas

Wrote for a foundation that raised more than \$300 million for a non-profit children's hospital. Aligned communications with fundraising events and campaigns. Wrote nearly all copy for five magazine-length annual reports. Built a regularly occurring segment about pediatric patients on the most watched morning show in North Texas. Placed pediatric patient stories in other high-level media outlets. Interviewed patient families in Spanish and spoke about medical issues on Univision.

### First Lieutenant (Officer-2)

2010 – 2013

*U.S. Army* | 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment

Led a platoon in combat-training missions that prepared Army units for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. Served as a tank commander in charge of the tank crew, 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/Lieutenant Colonel. Awarded the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Promoted to Captain (Officer-3) in the Army Reserves.

### Reporter

2000 – 2009

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* | Fort Worth, Texas

Met thousands of deadlines and wrote hundreds of front-page stories. Trusted with assignments in Mexico, out of state and in the state legislature. Promoted to cover higher education during major Supreme Court rulings on affirmative action, then promoted to cover immigration when it became a prominent national issue. Conducted interviews in Spanish and analyzed government data for deeper coverage resulting in six invitations to comment live on MSNBC. Received four internal awards for excellence in reporting.

### Peace Corps Volunteer

1998 – 2000

*Peace Corps* | El Salvador

Lived and worked in remote foothills, helping a farming community build a water system. Managed 40 workers to build a 15-ton capacity bridge that now receives daily vehicular traffic. Taught an English class. Co-wrote a 300-page health manual in Spanish. Founded a health committee and led campaigns against cholera, malaria, and dengue.

**Reporter** 1996 – 1998  
*The MetroWest Daily News* | Framingham, Massachusetts  
Filed two hard news stories per day. Won a first-place award from the New England Press Association.

**Reporter** 1995 – 1996  
*The Arlington Advocate* | Arlington, Massachusetts  
Covered local and state government, police, fire, and schools until promoted to the newspaper chain's largest daily.

**Intern Reporter** 1994  
*The Boston Globe* | Boston, Massachusetts  
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. One front-page story.

**Intern Reporter** 1991 – 1993  
*The Patriot Ledger* | Quincy, Massachusetts  
Wrote 20 front-page stories as the police intern reporter covering fires and crime. Retained after internship to cover features and hard news on weekends while attending college full time.

## Education

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**Bachelor of Science in Journalism** 1995  
*Northeastern University* | Boston, Massachusetts Elected Editor-in-Chief of student newspaper

## Additional Service

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**Board Member & Volunteer** 2014 – Present  
*Boys & Girls Club* | Dallas, Texas  
Tutor low-income kids in reading and work with their parents to enroll them in college prep programs. Honored as one of the Top 100 Volunteers. Invited to serve on the Board and helped it break fundraising goals.

**Volunteer Mentor & Committee Member** 2002 – 2010  
*Big Brothers Big Sisters* | Arlington, Texas  
Mentored same boy for seven years. Helped him with homework and talked to his parents in Spanish. Enrolled him in a Boy Scout troop. Helped him earn merit badges and join the Honor Guard. Honored as Big Brother of the Year.

**Board Member** 2009 – 2010  
*Helping Hands* | Dallas, Texas  
Served on Board that raises funds for The Family Place, a domestic violence shelter in Dallas.

**Volunteer Translator** 2001  
*John Peter Smith Hospital* | Fort Worth, Texas  
Translated for Spanish-speaking patients in a family clinic at the county hospital.

**Committee Member** 1996 – 1998  
*Codman Square Health Center* | Boston, Massachusetts  
Helped develop HIV outreach literature. Recruited an artist, designer, photographer, and printer to donate to the project.

**Volunteer Tutor** 1995 – 1996  
*Boston Children's Services* | Boston, Massachusetts  
Tutored teenage mothers in their high school work and in preparation for the GED test.