

Sara Badilini

EXPERIENCE

NewsGuard Technologies / Sept 2021 – Present *Journalist and Fact-checker, New York (USA)*

- Reported stories on misinformation and fake news, including about COVID-19, the Russia Ukraine war, and the monkeypox outbreak.
- Collected data on misinformation in Europe and wrote reports for the WHO, the European Commission, and other clients.
- Conducted interviews with newsrooms, produced and edited press releases and other social media content.

Religion News Service / Sept 2021 – May 2022 *Reporter, New York (USA)*

- Pitched and reported long-form stories about religion and interfaith issues, including about interfaith marriages in the Muslim community and "de-baptism" in Italy.
- Published articles in The Washington Post, Christian Today and America Magazine, among others.
- Participated in the newsroom's editorial and pitching meetings.
- Contributed articles and expertise to the Religion News Association.

Block Club Chicago / Sept 2021 – Dec 2021 *Reporting intern, Chicago (USA)*

- Pitched and filed daily breaking news stories about Chicago's neighborhoods, as well as deeply-reported local features.
- Covered religion, environmental justice, and crime in the city, through interviews and data analysis.
- Assisted in writing the paper's newsletter, fact-checked and copy-edited it, and created layouts and visualizations.

People Know How / Mar 2020 – Dec 2020 *Copywriting and Communication Intern, Edinburgh (Scotland)*

- Wrote web articles about the charity's initiatives and projects, which focused on social innovation and community assistance.
- Assisted with social media content creation and developed research
- Supported the staff in gathering resources during the pandemic.

Eco della Bassa Bresciana / Sep 2016 – Feb 2020 *Reporter, Brescia (Italy)*

- Pitched and reported local news stories, with a focus with environmental and gender issues in northern Italy.
- Edited and fact-checked articles for the weekly edition of the paper.
- Nominated to be a Italian Roll of Journalists member since 2020.

REFERENCES

Breaking News Editor
Block Club Chicago

Master's Advisor
Columbia Journalism School

Reporting Professor
Columbia Journalism School

EDUCATION

Columbia Journalism School / *Master of Science in Journalism, New York (USA)*

Honors in Reporting. Highlights:

- Trained in data visualization, audio production, investigative techniques, and photojournalism.
- Covered the housing beat and reported stories on housing rights, greenhouse gas emissions, and homeless shelters.
- Focus on feature writing, environmental and religion reporting.
- Master's project on Catholic nuns supporting immigrants communities in New York.

University of Trento / *Master's degree in Comparative, European and Transnational Law, Trento (Italy)*

- Coterminal 5 year program focusing on human rights and international monitoring bodies through a comparative approach.
- Classes included Comparative Religion Law, Common Law, US Tort Law, Intellectual Property Law, Common Law.
- Final dissertation on the freedom of the press in Turkey through the Council of Europe case law.

Study abroad programs::

- University of Montpellier, France (Fall semester)
Focus on comparative constitutional law.
- University of Passau, Germany (Fall semester) CECIL
minor certificate on comparative European law and academic legal writing.

SKILLS

- **INVESTIGATIVE / DATA**
QGIS, Datawrapper, Flourish
Python, JavaScript with basic D3,
Excel, Acris
Legal expertise, Pacer, 990
FOIA

- **LANGUAGES**
Italian ★★★★★
English ★★★★★
French ★★★★★
Spanish ★★
German ★★

- **MULTIMEDIA**
Adobe Creative Suite (Audition,
Lightroom, Photoshop, InDesign)
Canva, Mailchimp, CMS
WordPress
AP Style
Google Analytics
Social Media Analytics & SEO